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Wedemeyer Report Revealed

Washington, May 1. Lieutenant-General Albert C. Wedemeyer advised President Truman nearly four years ago that Korea was threatened by a "Soviet-controlled invasion of North Korean forces," it was disclosed today when portions of his report, which had been kept secret since its submission to the President on September 9, 1947, were made public by the Senate Armed Services Committee today.

"A United States withdrawal which permitted the Soviet Union to dominate the area would result in a serious political and psychological threat to China, including Manchuria and Japan," General Wedemeyer said.

His report was made before China fell under the control of the Communists.

He also urged military aid and supplies to South Korea and proposed an "American-officered Korean scout force to replace the present constabulary of sufficient strength to cope with the threat from the North."

General Wedemeyer said that the Russians dominated North Korea through the Communists. The forces available to General Hodge were adequate to cope with unrest in South Korea and to maintain order, but "completely inadequate, even with maximum assistance from General MacArthur, to meet a Soviet-controlled invasion by North Korean forces."

General John R. Hodge was then in command of the United States occupying forces in South Korea.—Reuter.

Oil Well Afire

Tehran, May 1. An oil well at the Naft Sult field, 100 miles north of Abadan, accidentally caught fire last night and was today reported to be burning fiercely. Such fires often burn for a long time because of the great technical difficulties in extinguishing them.

The Naft Sult is one of the series of Anglo-Iranian oil fields stretching in a line north from Abadan, where the world's biggest refinery is situated.—Reuter.

O'DWYER ACCUSED

Committee's Findings

Washington, May 1. The Senate Crime Investigating Committee today accused Mr. William O'Dwyer, former Mayor of New York, of contributing to the growth of organized crime in the city.

Mr. O'Dwyer was Mayor until last autumn, when he was appointed Ambassador to Mexico. From 1940 to 1942 he was a District Attorney in New York.

The Committee, in a report on gangsterism, said: "Neither he (Mr. O'Dwyer) nor his appointees took any effective action against the top echelons of the gambling, narcotics, waterfront, murder or book-making rackets."

"In fact his action impeded investigations of such rackets," it added.

The Committee, headed by Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat, Tennessee), also said that Mr. O'Dwyer had nominated for high public office friends of the gamblers, Frank Costello and Joe Adonis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

"Gambling profits are the principal support of big-time racketeering and gangsterism," the Committee said, recommending legislation to outlaw transmission across State borders of information for illegal gambling.

Other proposals were for stiffer penalties for dope peddling, the tightening of immigration laws to rid the country of undesirable aliens, measures to eliminate racketeers from the liquor and transport industries and bigger staffs for Federal law enforcement agencies, especially the Narcotics Bureau.

The Committee also recommended the creation of a Federal Crime Commission. The Committee said the "most shocking revelations" of its nation-wide investigation were "the extent of the official corruption and connivance in facilitating and promoting organized crime."

This corruption and connivance was found at all levels of government—Federal, State and local—it said.—Reuter.



MR. O'DWYER

British Government Wins Test Vote

London, May 1. Mr. Winston Churchill's bid to unseat the Government by splitting the Labour Party over the raw material shortage failed tonight by 13 votes.

The Conservative motion, defeated in the House of Commons by 305 votes to 292, sought to drive a wedge between the three rebel Ministers, led by Mr. Aneurin Bevan—who resigned last week on this issue—and the rest of the Party.

The Conservative motion expressed anxiety that Britain's £4,700 million arms programme was based on production estimates not accepted by the Ministers responsible. The Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, in his reply to the debate preceding the vote, said that Britain was going ahead with her arms programme.

"Let there be no mistake about it," he said. "We are going ahead to provide our contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty plans for the defence of the West."

RESULT CHEERED

Government cheering greeted the result of the vote. Mr. Shinwell could be seen shouting across the floor of the Chamber, gesticulating with both arms towards the Government benches. But his words were inaudible.

This produced a renewed outburst of cheering from the excited Labour members. It continued until the Opposition leader left the Chamber.

Hockridge Charged In Court This Morning

Committal Proceedings On Arms Possession

Committal proceedings against Ronald Charles Thomas Hockridge, 29, merchant, on a charge of possession of two automatic pistols and several rounds of ammunition opened before Mr. J. Wicks at Central this morning.

Hockridge, defended by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, on the instructions of Wilkinson and Grist, was seated in the dock.

A witness called by the prosecution this morning, Frank H. Leyshon, business manager, stated that on the way to Queen Mary Hospital by car on the afternoon of April 6, Hockridge was very deeply distressed and expressed deep regret at being such a fool "to leave those things around."

"Whether he said guns or another word I am not certain," said Mr. Leyshon.

Det-Insp. F. Roberts, of Central CID, is conducting the prosecution. Mr. R. H. Woodhead, ADIC (Hongkong) was present.

First witness called was W. E. Jones, Chief Draughtsman of the Public Works Department, who deposed to plans he prepared of rooms 1 and 6 and the corridor between on the second floor of Dina House. Police photographer Lau Shing gave evidence of having taken a series of pictures at Dina House on the instructions of Inspector Roberts.

Chief Insp. J. A. White, attached to Central Police Station, testified that as the result of a telephone message he went to room 6 in Dina House. He found a .45 automatic pistol lying on a table. It was loaded with a magazine which he removed. The pistol hammer was fully cocked. There was a faint grey film round the muzzle which was usual when a gun had been recently fired. The barrel smelt strongly of burning cordite which indicated the gun had been fired within two or three hours previously.

Witness accompanied Insp. Roberts to room No. 1 on the same floor where he picked up an empty .45 case. Describing the .45 weapon, Insp. White said that a number of the barrel and barrel bushing and between the barrel bushing and the plug. The slide and part of the body were coated with congealed blood.

On returning to room No. 6, witness received from Insp. Roberts four envelopes which he found to contain the body and barrel of a 6.35mm Geygan automatic pistol and the slide. All the parts were in good condition.

On April 8, at Central Police Station, he received from Insp. Roberts a spent .45 bullet and three .45 automatic pistol magazines, each containing several rounds. He also was handed two pistol holsters. These on April 14 witness received from Insp. Roberts two loose rounds of 6.35 mm automatic pistol ammunition and a magazine which was loaded with seven rounds.

F. A. Ewins, Assistant Quarry—Superintendent, PWD, an expert on arms and ballistics who has given evidence in arms cases at the Supreme Court on many occasions, deposed to tests he had carried out with both types each of which was in good working order.

F.H. Leyshon, business manager, testified that on April 6 he accompanied Hockridge to the Queen Mary Hospital. It was approximately 5.20 p.m.

VERY DEEP REGRET. Witness said that Hockridge expressed very deep regret at being such a fool to leave those things around. "Whether he said guns or another word I am not certain," added Leyshon. "He was very deeply distressed."

Replying to Insp. Roberts, witness said that there was no conversation whatever regarding guns prior to Hockridge's arrest.

British Losses In Korea

London, May 1. The British War Office tonight announced the names of 371 soldiers killed, wounded or missing in Korea—the biggest list so far.

Eighty-two officers and 310 men of 11 regiments were included in the list, the highest group being from the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers with 108.

The total killed or missing was 40 officers and 140 men.—Reuter.

Malayan Govt Bans 411 Publications

Singapore, May 1. The Federal Government has banned 411 publications in the Malay, European, Indian and Chinese languages. Also banned is the book of the Indian leader, Subash Chandra Bose, entitled "The Indian Struggle, 1900 to 1935."

The London Communist newspaper, Daily Worker, is among the banned publications.—Reuter.

APC Seizure Discussed

London, May 1. China's decision to requisition the property of a British-owned petroleum company was discussed by senior Foreign Office officials and representatives of the Shell Petroleum Company in London today.

An official report on the move against the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Shell subsidiary, was still awaited.

The Chinese Communist Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, was reported to have ordered the seizure of all the company's property yesterday for reasons of "national security and in the interests of the general public." — Reuter.

Iraq Oil Dispute

Britain Said To Be Modifying Terms

London, May 1.

Britain has asked for a short delay of the oil talks with the Iraqi government, apparently to modify her terms in light of the precipitate developments in the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute, it was learned today.

Representatives of the British-operated Iraq Petroleum Company, who were scheduled to leave for Baghdad last Saturday, decided to postpone their journey for a "few days" to consider latest developments elsewhere, authoritative sources stated.

British industrialists who recently returned from Iraq are to take new proposals to Premier Nuri Pasha, designed to meet the government demands for higher revenue and increased oil output. A Company spokesman insisted here today that the delay was not due to any hitch but implied that earlier plans were being revived.

IRAQI DEMANDS

The British delegation will be headed by the managing director of the Iraq Petroleum Company, Mr. H. F. Gibson, who will be assisted by a number of experts. The Iraqi Government wants the same rates of profit from the Iraq Petroleum Company as the Americans are paying Saudi-Arabia for her oil. Iraq also demands that oil production be increased more quickly than hitherto, particularly in the less-developed area of Basra.

It further demands that the gold price stipulated under the agreement with the Iraq Petroleum Company be calculated on the basis of the "free market" gold price instead of the controlled gold price.—United Press.

Man Left Stranded On Island

Formosa Authorities Reject Deportee

Manila, May 2. The National Defence Department revealed that Chinese businessman Vicente Uy Tek has been on isolated Batan Island since April 25 when Chinese Nationalist authorities refused to let a Philippines Air Force plane land him in Formosa.

Uy Tek had been ordered deported from the Philippines on April 25 on a charge of profiteering in 1946 by selling on the black market 800 sacks of sugar entrusted to him by the government for sale at controlled prices.

Military intelligence service agents on April 25 secretly arrested Uy Tek, who was at liberty on bail, hustled him to the airport and placed him on an Air Force C-47 which took off immediately. Barely 12 hours later the deportation was made public by National Defence Secretary Ramon Magsaysay, who said Uy Tek had been sent to Formosa.

Associated Press correspondent Spencer Moon in Taipei last night reported Uy Tek was not on Formosa and that Chinese Foreign Minister George Yeh had informed the Philippines Charge d'Affaires, Manuel Adessa, that the plane had not been allowed to land because the Nationalists were not informed in advance.

NOT WANTED

Mr. Yeh also informed the Philippines official that the Nationalist government did not want to receive any deportees without previous understanding.

Hours later the National Defence Department admitted Uy Tek is being held at Basco, on Batan Island, about half-way between Northern Luzon and Formosa. He has been there, the Department said, ever since April 25 when the plane carrying him was warned not to land in Formosa.

Although the old profiteering charge was used to deport Uy Tek, he was among a number of wealthy Chinese here who have been accused by a Philippines House of Representatives Committee of evading large income tax payments recently.

In announcing the deportation, Mr. Magsaysay said Uy Tek was sent to Formosa pursuant to a policy designed to break unscrupulous business practices which tend to undermine the nation's economic stability."

Mr. Magsaysay and Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo are scheduled to confer today with President Elpidio Quirino on the next step in Uy Tek's case.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Patience Near Exhaustion

PATIENCE grows thin in the pretentious pink palace in Paris where the question of peace or war between East and West has been so tediously argued for the past nine weeks. And if there is anything remarkable about the wearing-out signs, it is that complete collapse of the negotiations has not stirred the political doves long ere this. If the Big Three deputies still persist in efforts to arrange acceptable talking-points for a future conference of Foreign Ministers, it is an earnest of their determination to make an all-out attempt to ease international tension, rather than simple faith in the sincerity of the Soviet approach to the issues involved. Failure could have only one meaning. The process of building up Western defence barriers against the day of armed conflict would require to be further intensified. It could only be interpreted as an admission that the last hope of handling a split world without apprehensions of war had faded. The refusal of the Big Three to surrender to that grim conclusion without a further endeavour to break the existing deadlock is to be applauded, but it is even more satisfactory that they have, at least and at last, called an end to nonsense and that the responsibilities for decision are to be placed squarely in front of the Kremlin. Mr. Gromyko's skill in side-tracking will be hard pushed. It will be for Russia to declare whether or not she is genuinely interested in a round-table conference seeking a solution of East-West rivalries and demonstrating the ability of countries with ideological differences to exist peacefully side by side. Such a showdown had to come. It is, in fact, overdue. For weeks Gromyko has led the Big Three representatives deep into an undergrowth of

potty details and then round and round in circles. Whenever the Big Three bristled, he made a minor concession and neatly brought them back again into the circular movement. The obvious inference is that Russia has been deliberately stalling, and reason is because the West appears to have lost its urgency about the rearmament of Western Germany. Unwillingness of the Big Three, up to now, to recognise these facts subscribed handsomely to the atmosphere of futility. They declined to realise that no conference has ever failed—or even could fail, if both sides were in earnest—because the proposed agenda was in the wrong order. When the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four meet, if they ever do, they will talk exactly when and how they like. Nothing is more unlikely that they would feel themselves bound meticulously by the form or phraseology of an agenda devised by deputies. The immediate duty of the Big Three Deputies, therefore, is to agree to an agenda, without worrying unduly should it seem to imply advance consent to any specific course of action, but proving that the West wants peace if it still can have it; and leave it to the Foreign Ministers to do the arguing. Let the Foreign Ministers meet and thus discover whether Russia has any real intention of accommodating her ambitions to the growing strength of the West. Make up our minds that a bargain can only be struck provided both sides are prepared to give something up. Alternatively, of course, the West can call the whole thing off. But if we are intent on peace, the Big Three cannot fail to seize the initiative, implying that if Kremlin policy represents a bluff, it is called.

Mr. Strauss replied that there was no reason to be unduly pessimistic. He said: "It is too early to say whether we will get the raw materials we need for our defence programme and our essential civil production, but we are not justified here and now in saying that we will not."

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, in a speech of only two minutes, accused the Conservatives of "old-fashioned Party jousting" in framing their motion which expressed anxiety that the arms programme was based on production estimates not accepted by the Ministers principally concerned.

Mr. Bevan said that he hoped that they could have a discussion on raw materials and defence production another day in a "more serious context" than the Conservative motion.

He hoped that the Government would be able to get raw materials from the United States more speedily than at one time seemed likely, also that it would not be "entirely scornful" of any help his resignation might have afforded.

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YUNNAN GENERALS GAOLED

Taipei Allegation

Taipei, May 1.
The Military Information Service announced today that two former Nationalist Governors of Yunnan Province, General Lung Yung and General Lu Han, have been imprisoned by the Chinese Communists at the provincial capital of Kunming, pending prosecution.
The National Defence Ministry said the two Generals went over to the Communists and helped the Red conquest of the province, but are now being charged with "insubordination and inefficiency."
The Ministry said that Lung Yung failed to persuade his pro-Nationalist son and another guerrilla leader to abandon Communist activities in Yunnan, while Lu Han, himself a Yunnan tribesman, was unable to pacify anti-Communist sentiments among tribesmen who constitute a large part of the population of the province.
Lung Yung, opium-smoking former Yunnan warlord, was the last named on the list of Communist Government Administration Council members.
He escaped from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's custody in Nanjing dramatically by impersonating an old woman and spoke openly against Chiang in Hongkong before joining the Reds.
Gen. Lu Han's defection spelt doom for the Nationalist forces in Yunnan who tried to make a last stand in the province bordering Indo-China.—United Press.

French Claim Victory

Saigon, May 1.
A communique by General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny today claimed complete success for an extensive French military operation aimed at cleaning out guerrillas Southwest of Hiphong.
The communique said that since the operation began on April 10, there have been 1,000 Vietnamese killed and 3,000 taken prisoner. It claimed that important stocks of arms and material were seized and 42 fortified villages captured.—Associated Press.

Banditry In Eritrea

Washington, May 1.
The State Department said today that it had asked Britain to suppress banditry in Eritrea to keep them from attacking members of the United States Army communications unit stationed there.
The Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said one American soldier was seriously injured and two others robbed by a Shifra band on the Asmara-Massawa road last Sunday. A similar incident occurred late last year.
The spokesman emphasized that the United States was aware of British efforts to suppress bandit groups. Considerable progress had been made in stamping them out and the United States hoped the job could be speeded up.—United Press.

Self-Help Scheme To Fight Famine

New Delhi, May 1.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, tonight called on all Indians to give up one meal a week to help save the country from the "hovering spectre of famine."

Mr. Nehru proposed that the food grains saved should be sent as gifts to the worst-affected areas in Bihar and Madras.

The Prime Minister thanked those countries which had sent food grains, particularly America and China. He also thanked Russia, which he hoped would soon be sending wheat to India.
He expressed appreciation to Britain for securing badly needed ships for transporting the food grains.

"While we welcome all the help that we can get from foreign countries," he said, "we have made it clear that such help must not have any political strings attached to it—any conditions which are unbecoming for a self-respecting nation to accept, any pressure to change our domestic or international policy."

"We would be unworthy of the high responsibilities which we have been charged if we bartered away, in the slightest degree, our country's self-respect or freedom of action, even for something which we need so badly."

The Prime Minister said that reports of famine conditions prevailing over wide areas and deaths by starvation had been exaggerated, but the gravity of the situation must not be minimised.

"Let us declare war on famine, and all its brood," Mr. Nehru said.

India had sought help from abroad and would continue to do so under the pressure of necessity. "But the conviction is growing upon me more forcibly than ever how dangerous it is for us to depend for this primary necessity of life on foreign countries."

"We can never function with the freedom that we desire if we are always dependent in this matter on others," Mr. Nehru said.

SELF-HELP PLAN
He proposed that the Indians themselves should do everything in their power to meet the crisis. "Taking India as a whole, the deficit is not so great as is imagined."

"We can only meet this crisis by pooling all our resources and using them to the best advantage all over India."

The Prime Minister outlined a five-point plan of self-help to ward off famine:

- 1.—Each Indian should give up one meal weekly and send the food saved as a gift to the famine-threatened areas;
- 2.—Public works to be started in the stricken areas to give purchasing power to the unemployed;
- 3.—Students are to help to organize these public works of well-digging, road building and food growing. Participation in such labour should be made compulsory and considered part of the school or college attendance;
- 4.—People must start their own "Grow More Food" schemes

wherever possible on uncultivated land and in parks and private gardens;

5.—Each village is to form a small welfare committee to see that food is properly shared and that there is no hoarding.
"Let us put all our resources, all our strength and energy in this war against famine, which we must win and will win," Mr. Nehru concluded.—Reuter.

INDIA AID BILL

Washington, May 1.
The majority floor leader, Representative John McClellan, announced today that the next order of business in the House of Representatives would be a bill to provide India with \$100,000,000 worth of food relief.
The India aid bill will come up after the House finishes work on the pending Interior Department appropriation bill, possibly on Wednesday.—United Press.

Death Of Jap Scientist

Nagasaki, May 1.
Dr. Takashi Nagai, 43, Japan's foremost atomic bomb scientist and analyst, died tonight after nearly six years of illness.

Dr. Nagai was in Nagasaki when it was hit by an atomic bomb on August 9, 1945. He became internationally famous through his study of effect of the blast on himself and also wrote a number of books on the condition of other atomic bomb victims and their treatment, the best known of which is the "Bells of Nagasaki."

As a result of high exposure to radiation, the number of white corpuscles in Dr. Nagai's blood stream increased from a normal of about 7,000 to an estimated 330,000.—United Press.

BRITISH WARNING TO PERSIA OVER OILFIELDS ISSUE

London, May 1.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, warned Persia today that Britain would not negotiate a settlement of the oil dispute under duress.

Britain, he told the House of Commons, could not accept the contention of the Persian Government that the proposal to nationalise the oilfields was a matter solely between them and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The British Government had the right to intervene, he said.

Mr. Morrison added: "We have no wish that this question should become an issue between ourselves and our Persian friends. We are naturally anxious to sit down with them and work out a solution in a reasonable atmosphere."

The Foreign Secretary made his statement less than 24 hours after the Persian Senate had approved a Bill for the nationalisation of the Persian oil industry, which is largely British-controlled.

Amidst cheers, he said that Britain's long-standing ties of friendship with the Persians and their many political and economic interests convinced the British Government that a solution could be found.

The benefits that the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company had conferred on Persia could not be measured in terms of money alone. Living and working standards of the employees were far in advance of those existing in any part of the Middle East.

"But all these benefits are now placed in jeopardy," Mr. Morrison added. "It would be a matter of the greatest difficulty for the Persians to operate the installations. They would also lose world-wide marketing and distribution facilities."

These conditions might result in unemployment and benefit the Communists. The recent disturbances in the Arabian area were undoubtedly Communist-inspired.

"We do not dispute," Mr. Morrison said, "the right of a government to acquire property in its own country. But we cannot accept that the company's whole position in Persia should be radically altered by unilateral action when an agreement with the company, freely entered into by the Government itself, provides against such action."

STABILISING FACTOR

Mr. Morrison was asked what instructions had been given to the General Manager of the Company if the Persians arrived to take over control of Abadan.

He replied that Britain was making representations to the new Persian Government. He did not think he should say any more until he got their reaction.

He promised Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, that he would do his best to make another statement next week.

Mr. Morrison began his statement with a brief summary of the events leading up to Persian proposals for nationalisation.

He recalled that the Anglo-Iranian Company's concession was valid until 1953 after which its assets would be transferred to the Persian Government.

By the contract no change could be made in the Company's position even by legislation except by mutual agreement.

He said that the provisions of the new Persian Nationalisation Bill made for cooperation to the Company were obscure.

The Company, during the past 30 years, had made an immense investment in Persia and had built up an industry which was the main stabilising factor in her economy.

VITAL TO PERSIA

Britain's only desire, he added, was to see Persia's prosperity and independence maintained. Continued cooperation was vital to Persia's well-being as well as contributing to Britain's.

"We recognise that it is natural and right that Persia should now take a greater share in the operation of its main industry," Mr. Morrison said.

But Britain could not admit that the contract could be broken without mutual agreement.

Before the late Persian Government resigned Britain had proposed transfer of Anglo-

Iranian's operations in Persia to a new British company on the Board of which the Persian Government would be represented.

This proposal provided for equal profit-sharing between the Persian Government and the new company and for a progressive increase in the number of Persians employed.

But these suggestions had been forestalled by the Persian Oil Commission's nationalisation proposals and the resignation of the Government.—Reuter.

LONDON REVELATION

London, May 1.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, considered—but rejected—a plan to send Lord Louis Mountbatten to plead Britain's case for a Persian oil compromise before the Shah of Iran.

A well-qualified informant said today Mr. Attlee turned down the idea of the Prince-to-Prince talks because it seemed too dangerous and too late.

Mr. Attlee presumably saw danger in the project because nationalist elements in Iran who have led the drive to Socialise the British-run Anglo-Iranian Oil Company have not hesitated to kill their opponents.

Apparently he considered the action too late to stop Iran's Parliament from going ahead—as they have done—with their nationalisation plans. The British Government owns more than half the stock in Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The plan to assign Lord Mountbatten—who is first cousin to King George VI—as Britain's special envoy was put to Mr. Attlee by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison.

The idea was that Lord Mountbatten, probably better than anyone else could convince the Iranians that the British would be willing to share the nation's oil resources more equitably.

Lord Mountbatten undoubtedly has a great deal of influence among Asians because of his work in India. He was sent to that sub-continent in 1948 as Viceroy with order to transfer full independence to the Indian people and at the same time persuade them to stay in the British Commonwealth.

In addition to fulfilling his assignment successfully, he became highly popular with Indians of all classes.—Associated Press.

KUWAIT'S POSITION

London, May 1.
The ruler of Kuwait, a small British-protected State at the head of the Persian Gulf, is not thinking of nationalising his country's oil, according to a statement issued here today.

But the ruler, Sheikh Abdullah, intends to keep on asking for an increased royalty from the Kuwait Oil Company, an Anglo-American concern which obtained the concessions in 1934.

Kuwait—just across the Gulf from Persia—has the world's largest single oilfield.

Sheikh Abdullah's London representative, Mr. H. T. Kemp, said today that the requests for increased royalty were first made by Kuwait's previous ruler, Sheikh Ahmed.

"They are entirely unconnected with the Persian crisis," he stressed. No pressure has been brought to bear on the Kuwait Oil Company. Sheikh Abdullah is confident that the company will appreciate his point of view and that their response

will result in a settlement of the royalty at a level comparable to that of other Middle Eastern countries."

The Kuwait Oil Company's chemists estimated that the whole area had a total reserve of about 9,000,000 million barrels.

Kuwait has one great advantage over the Persian oilfields—modern, deep water berths which can take the largest tankers afloat.—Reuter.

MacArthur Blamed For Disaster

Washington, May 1.

Representative John Blatnik (Democrat) said today that bad intelligence work by General MacArthur's staff cost thousands of American casualties in Korea last December.

He told the House he was "appalled by General MacArthur's brazen disregard for the truth when, in his Chicago speech on April 20, he blamed the slaughter of American boys in Korea on a national policy he called unrealistic."

"The truth is that the gross incompetence and inefficiency of General MacArthur's intelligence, headed by Maj-General Charles Willoughby, was directly responsible for the frightful and endless slaughter and horrible death by freezing of thousands of American soldiers in Korea last December."

"In those two weeks in December, our casualties were perhaps greater than the total of the previous five months of war in Korea."

Mr. Blatnik, who was an Air Force intelligence officer in World War II, said he did not know of an instance in military history where a national policy was ordered to advance in such a spread-out into enemy territory. He said "Congress should make a full investigation of MacArthur's conduct of the war and his colossal military blunder of last December."—United Press.

PERON MAKES NEW CLAIM

Buenos Aires, May 1.
President Peron forecast today that Argentina's entire electric network may be operated by atomic energy within two years.

The President, delivering the annual "State of the Nation" message to Congress, said: "If the experimental plans go as they have been going until now, the whole network of electric power in Argentina will be operated by controlled atomic energy within two years."

"When the world will know how it has been waiting its time preparing for war while Argentina has been working for peace," he added.

President Peron recently decorated the Austrian-born scientist, Prof. Ronald Richter, for discovery of a new and cheaper method of raising atomic energy by creating "tiny artificial suns."

Several prominent scientists in other countries have cast doubts on Richter's claim.—Reuter.

Rebels Repulsed

Rangoon, May 1.
Burmese Government forces killed 15 insurgents and wounded 20 when repulsing an attack by 200 insurgents on the military outpost of Pyawon, 40 miles south of Rangoon; an Army communique said today.—Reuter.

MISS HSU GOES TO LONDON



Slim Chinese girl wearing the Shanghai silhouette gown is seeing London for the first time.

She is Miss Lillian Hsu, who comes from Hongkong with her father, Mr. K. H. Hsu, big Chinese corporation lawyer. They are among 125 Chinese flown from Hongkong to the British Industries Fair.

Miss Hsu is 22, speaks her English with a slight American accent. This she acquired as a student at a university near Chicago. In Hongkong she is secretary in a business firm; she wants to have business experience before deciding between marriage and a career.

One of her favourite sports is bowling in the American style on wooden alleys.

She knows what she wants to see in London: shops, theatres, and an English university with girl students.—London Express Service.

Nazi Movie Banned In U.S. Zone

Baltimore, May 1.
The Nazi-made film "Immortal Beloved," which precipitated an anti-Semitic riot in Salzburg on April 4, has been banned in the United States Zone of Austria, according to word received here by Jacob Blaustein, national president of the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Walter Donnelly, United States High Commissioner for Austria, said in a letter to Mr. Blaustein:

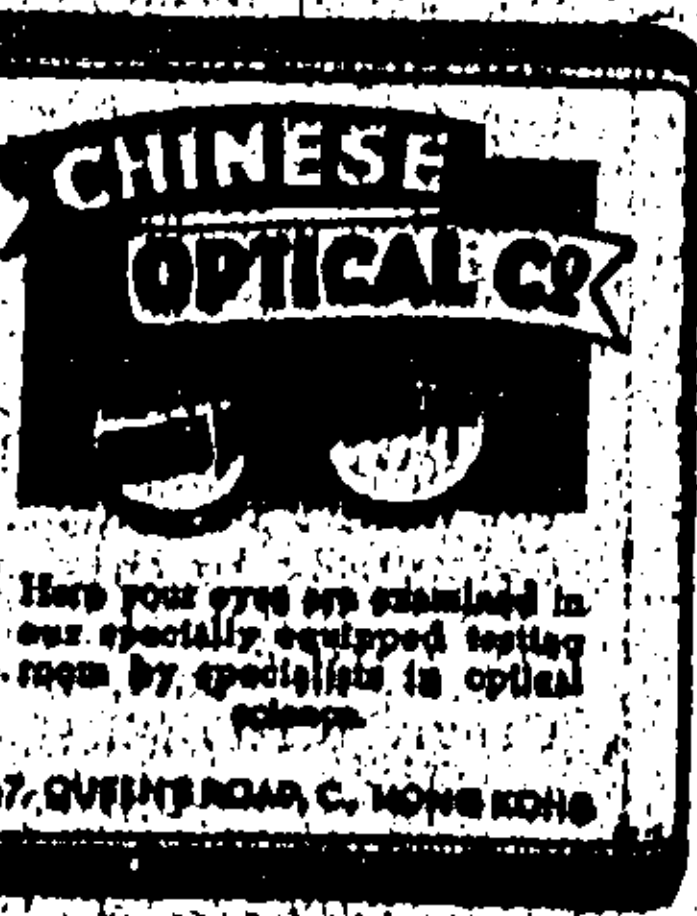
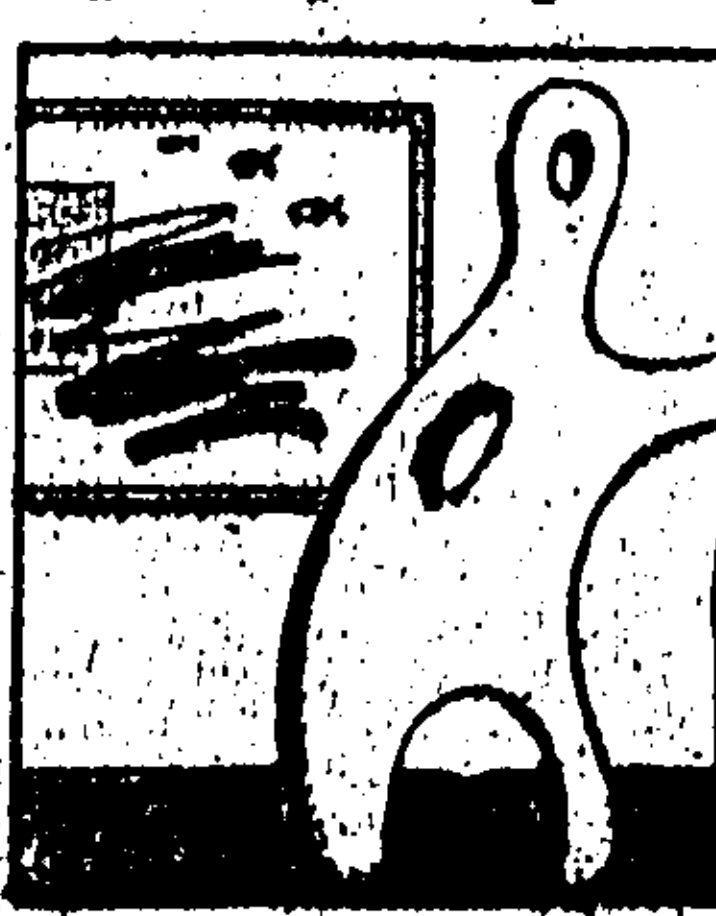
"I need not tell you how much I regret this incident (the riot) which I trust can now be settled in a spirit of mutual confidence and cooperation."

Mr. Donnelly enclosed a Press statement he issued in Vienna banning the film "in the interest of public safety."—United Press.

Talks On Defence

Capetown, May 1.
General Sir Brian Robertson, Commander-in-Chief Middle East Land Forces, arrived in Capetown by air today for defence talks with the Government.—Reuter.

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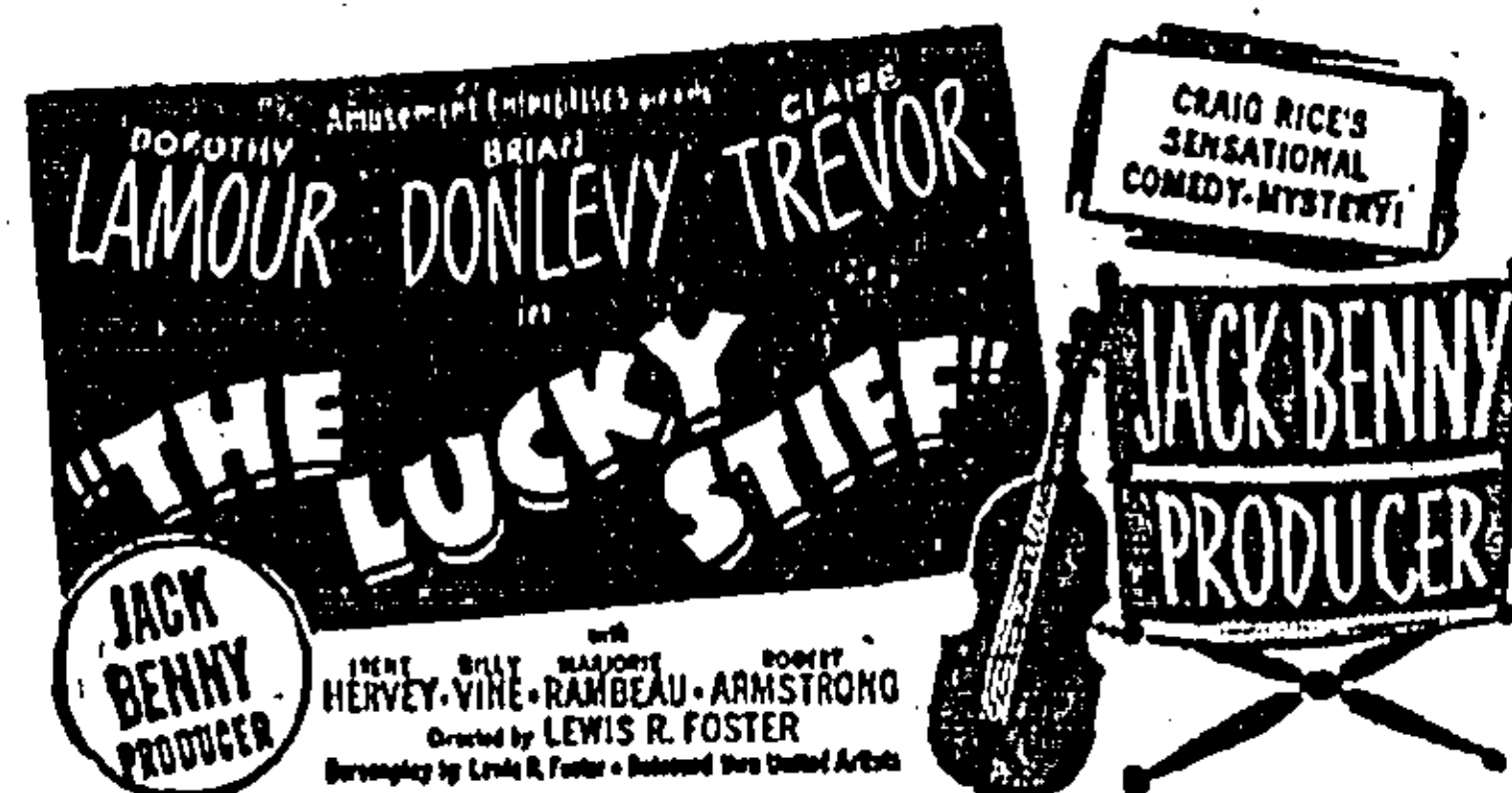
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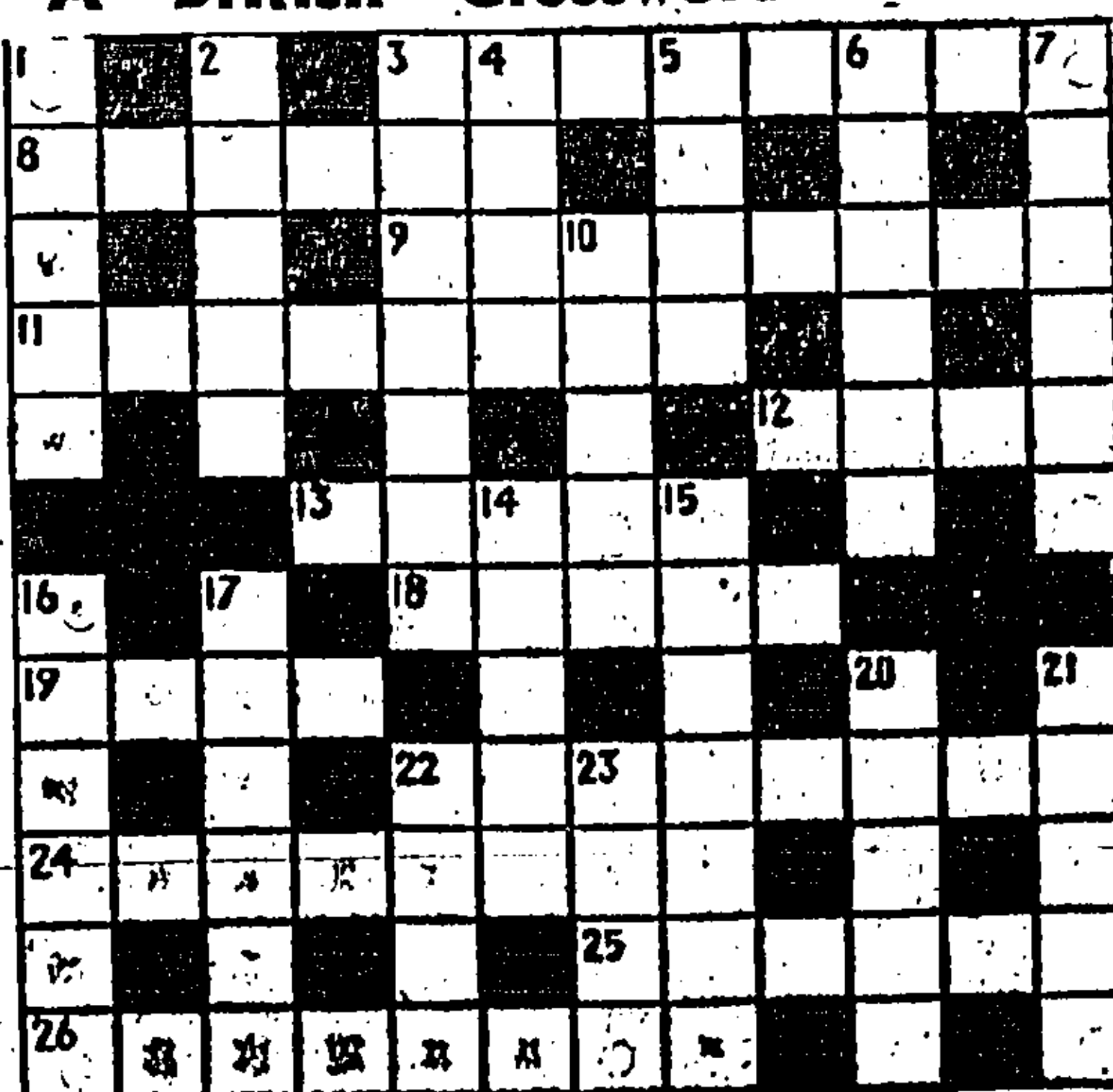
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"Elizabeth of Ladymead" in Lovely
Technicolor**New Weapon
For Army**London, May 1.
An entirely new British
Army weapon is to replace
the Bren light machine-
gun and Vickers medium
machine-gun, Mr Michael
Stewart, Financial Secre-
tary to the War Office,
said today.
He told the House of
Commons that the new
weapon would fire am-
munition of calibre .280,
the same size as the new
light rifle which is to re-
place the short Lee-Enfield
303.—Reuter.**NEW YORK
GAMBLING
SCANDAL**Washington, May 1.
The Senate Crime Committee
said today that it believed some
public officials and political or-
ganisations benefited from
gambling operations in Saratoga
County, New York.
In an official report to the
Senate, the group also charged
Governor Thomas Dewey's ad-
ministration for defending the
failure of the Superintendent of
State Police, John Gaffney, to
close up plush casinos in the
racing and resort town until
recently.The Committee contradicted
as at variance with facts the re-
port of Mr Dewey's counsel,
Lawrence Walsh, that since
Sept. 1, 1949, inspection by the
State Police have eliminated
organised gambling in the area.
It added that right up to the
beginning of the racing season
in August, 1950 gamblers made
preparations to open.
"There was no general under-
standing that the city was closed
down. The Walsh report fails to
explain why the State Police
acted to prevent organised
gambling during the racing
season of 1950 but did not take
any action during any prior
years, so that open gambling
in Saratoga has existed for many
years with the knowledge of the
New York State Police and
public officials and local political
organisations that control such
public officials."It is the opinion of the Com-
mittee that these public officials
and political organisations bene-
fitted from flagrant disregard of
the criminal statutes. Some of
the notorious hoodlums in the coun-
try made enormous sums from
the Saratoga operations."—
United Press.**Indo-Burmese
Friendship**Rangoon, May 1.
The Indian Food Minister,
Mr K. M. Munshi, today
predicted a great future for
the friendly relations be-
tween Burma and India.
Neither has any territorial
ambitions beyond its present
geographical limits and they
are both struggling hard to
settle down for a period of
national solidarity, he said.
Mr Munshi, who is leading
an Indian delegation to
negotiate a trade agreement
with Burma, was speaking at
a reception given in his honour
by the All-Burma Indian Con-
gress.—Reuter.**A British Crossword Puzzle**ACROSS
3 Holes in ship's side to carry
off water (8)
8 Immature (6)
9 Reprove (6)
11 Circumspect (8)
12 Stable (6)
13 Date (6)
14 Nuzzles (6)
15 Eager (4)
16 Ruffe (6)
18 Palm in head (8)
20 Joined (6)
20 Rebatto (8)
23 Avoid (4)
24 Conspicuous (8)
25 Assailed (8)
26 Charles (8)
27 Princeps (8)
28 Themo (8)
29 Rigorous (8)
30 Down (8)
31 Dives (8)
32 Gales (8)
33 Bells (8)
34 Aids (8)
35 Supper (8)
36 Aids (8)
37 Upper (8)
38 Edges (8)
39 Scar (8)
DOWN
2 Gross (8)
4 Grant (4)
5 Allotment (4)
6 Bring to light (6)
7 Elan (6)
10 Thaw (6)
11 Droll (6)
12 Rapt (6)
13 Rapt (6)
14 Bob (6)
15 Plunder (6)
16 Unwell (6)
17 Lower part of room wall (8)
18 Aids (4)
19 Suppose (8)
21 Intense (8)
22 Themo (8)
23 Dives (8)
24 State (8)
25 Play (8)
26 Bullen (8)
27 Bells (8)
28 Aids (8)
29 Upper (8)
30 Edges (8)
31 Scar (8)**May Day Celebration
Marked By Clashes
In France And Italy
MAO ATTENDS PARADE IN PEKING**

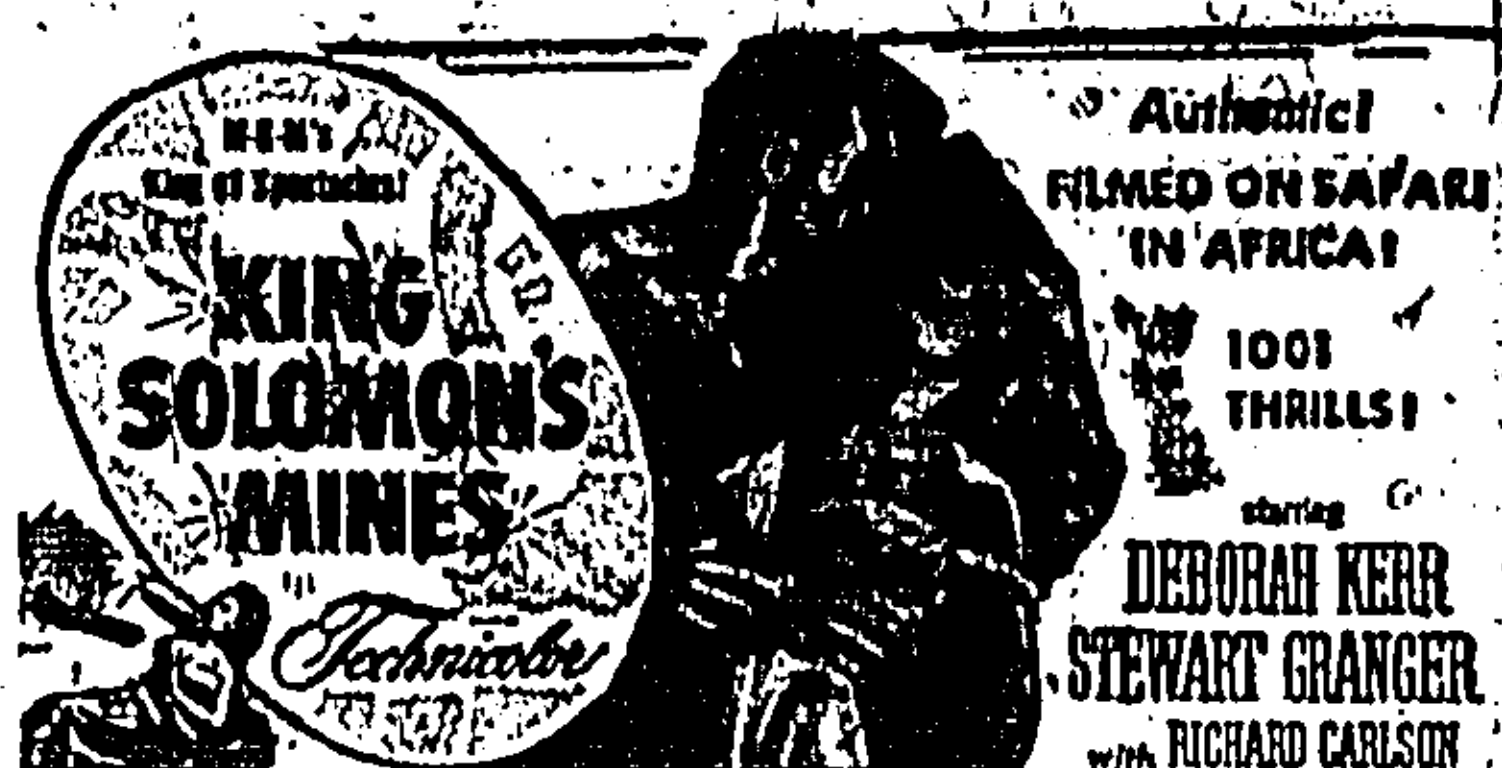
London, May 1.

May Day was celebrated today in many parts of the world. Reuter
messages from numerous capitals gave the following picture:Moscow: Premier Stalin, members of the Politburo and military
leaders took the salute at a rain-washed parade of military might which
was followed by a sun-drenched procession of an estimated one million
workers.Then the rains came again and a four-hour
mass demonstration in the Red Square was cancelled.The Soviet War Minister,
Marshal Vassilevsky, from
the top of Lenin's Tomb,
denounced the "war of con-
quest" which, he said, the
United States had been con-
ducting for the past 10
months in Korea. But the
Soviet Union could "boldly
rely on the Soviet Army and
Fleet," standing vigilant
guard over the State's in-
terests and the peaceful
labour of the Soviet people,
the Marshal assured his
listeners.Labour delegations from the
United States, Britain, China
and many other countries
witnessed the parade. Later
huge throngs turned the night
into a revelry of street dancing
and outdoor theatricals.Warsaw, Budapest, Bucharest
and Sofia, all reported large
parades of armed forces.New Delhi: Workers in a
local biscuit factory and in a
flour mill struck for 24 hours
in protest against the manage-
ment's ban on attending May
Day rallies.
Most workers in Delhi and
Bombay factories took the day
off, though it is not officially a
holiday.MAO IN PEKING
Peking: Three-quarters of a
million Chinese marched past
Mr Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of
the Chinese People's Govern-
ment, in Peking's biggest ever
May Day parade—a six
miles long one, with 10 people
abreast.Berlin: While British troops
stood by in strength, 500,000
East Berliners and 450,000
West Berliners held mass meet-
ings side by side on the sector's
boundary.
American helicopters and two
British spotting Auster planes
flew over the demonstrations
ready to order troops into
action if trouble threatened.The West Berlin police dis-
seminated 300 Communist can-
vassing signatures for the banned
Peace plebiscite.Cuxhaven: Twenty-four Com-
munist demonstrators were ar-
rested on the North Sea island
of Heligoland, which Britain
has been using as a practice
target.Frankfurt: Minor clashes be-
tween police and Communistswere reported from Hamburg
and Luebeck.
Madrid: Workers in some
textile factories and some heavy
industries in Barcelona went on
strike but reports from various
parts of Spain showed that at-
tempts to bring about a May
Day general strike had little
success.ANTI-U.S. SLOGANS
Paris: Aircraft dipped low
and cascaded anti-Communist
pamphlets on to the sun-baked
streets as several thousand
French workers affiliated to the
Communist-led trade unions
paraded, chanting "Americans go
home." "We want tractors, not
guns." Public transport was
scanty.As the Communist parade in
Paris was ending, fighting broke
out between African demon-
strators and police. Fifty
police were hurt though none
seriously.A group of about 1,000 North
Africans, mostly members of a
"Movement for the triumph of
democratic liberties" (a semi-
Communist organisation), carried
banners with rationalist slogans.
When the police asked them to
hand over the banned banners,
some of the demonstrators hurled
paving stones and used clubs.
Others uprooted spiked railings
surrounding the trees and threw
them like spears.Arrests were made after
about 800 extra police arrived.
The police cut across the
procession and the North
Africans fled at first but re-
grouped and attacked the
police, many of whom were
carried away on stretchers.Meanwhile, the Communists
formed a "wall" to allow the
North Africans to regroup in
the procession. Spectators
thought more police were hurt
than North Africans. Several
spectators were injured and
one newscam cameraman was
hit on the head with an iron
bar.Demonstrations in French
provincial cities were orderly
except at Marseilles, in the
Nord Department industrial
basin, where 20 people were
injured and 15 marchers ar-
rested.Trouble started when the
police tried to confiscate banned
banners carried by members of
an Algerian pro-Communist
group. Several police received
knife wounds. Three were de-
tained in hospital.

IGNORED IN UK

Rome: Millions of workers
marching through Italy's cities
and villages brought the coun-
try's normal life almost to a
standstill with factories, offices,
shops and schools closed and
no public transport available.London: Few British workers
are observing May Day today.
Barely a handful of Socialist-
controlled local councils are
giving their workers a holiday.
Demonstrations and proces-
sions are usually reserved for
the first Sunday of the month.Bombay: May Day passed off
quietly in Bombay. About
200,000 city workers paraded
the streets carrying placards
and shouting slogans. Textile
mills, factories and workshops
remained closed.Barrage: A trade union
affiliated to the pro-Government
Anti-Fascist Freedom League
and the Communist Burma
Workers and Peasants Party
today held separate processions
to mark May Day.Traffic police directed the
marchers through different
routes to prevent a clash of
opposing groups. A meeting of
Communist workers condemned
the American Economic Co-
operation Administration's as-
sistance which speakers charac-
terised as intended to enmesh
Burma in international rivalries.ITALIAN CLASH
Naples: Numerous Italian
Communists were injured or de-
tained when special "shock
police" used tear-gas and clubs
to break up an unauthorized
procession.A Communist Senator named
Signor Palermo was hit on the
head by a baton-swinging
police in the melee. The in-
cident occurred at the close
of a mass meeting organised
by the local Communist-
led Labour body. When
the crowd prepared to form
into a procession the police
asked them to disperse. Instead,
they moved on behind red flags
and banners.In the city centre, Naples' police chief vainly appealed to
Palermo and a Communist de-
puty to persuade the crowd to
disperse. He then ordered
"shock brigades" of police in
scarlet leopards to break it up.
The crowd met them with a
hall of stones.Using clubs and tear-gas
bombs, the police encircled the
demonstrators injuring and
detaining some and seizing the
banners.Prague: A thousand babies
sat up in their prams, waving
Czech and Russian paper flags
and paper "Peace" doves as they
were wheeled past President
Gottwald and other Czech
leaders in today's May Day
parade.Shouting praises of Marshal
Stalin, the Soviet Union and
Communist leaders all the
world, hundreds of Czechs
streamed down Wenceslas
Square for over five hours.Ridiculous figures of leading
Western personages were follow-
ed by Gestapo men and "dollar
slaves."

AUSTRITY PARADE

Brussels: A Belgian Air Force
plane swept low over Brussels
today, showering recruiting
leaflets among 2,000 Com-
munist parading through the
city. The Communists have
been brought from all over
Belgium by motor coach.
Children and students swelled
the parade. As they adjourned
to a hall for dancing, Socialists
were assembling for their May
Day march. It covered the
same route but went off later
to a dance hall on the other side
of the city.Belgrade: About 6,000 troops,
armies, sailors and police today
headed Yugoslavia's most
glorious May Day parade since
the war. It lasted three hours
compared to seven hours
two years ago.The soldiers, in new uniforms
with German-type steel hel-
mets stormed past in a Slav
version of the "goose step."
They had abandoned the Red
Army style of marching with
rifles in front of their bodies.
Artillery salutes started off
the parade. No tanks, heavy
arms or war planes were dis-
played. At the blue and red
decorated saluting base were
the Foreign Minister, M.
Edvard Kardelj, and other
Government, Party and Army
leaders. Marshal Tito was
absent. He recently had an
operation for gallstones.Workers, civil servants, pen-
sioners, students and children
marched behind the Service-
men. One slogan displayed said:
"Greetings to progressive peo-
ples all over the world, who
are fighting against the huge-
monistic policies of the Soviet
Government."The Yugoslav authorities
placed greater emphasis this
May Day on popular entertain-
ments to make it more of a
Bank Holiday than a day for
formal parades on the Soviet
model.Tonight open-air concerts,
opera ballets and fun fairs
enlivened Belgrade.—Reuter.SOMETHING NEW
Moscow, May 1.
Foreign military observers
saw a new item of Soviet mili-
tary equipment during a Red
Square parade today. It was
an armoured light troop trans-
port mounting machine-guns in
front and carrying 12 fully
equipped men. The transport
is also usable for reconnaissance.
—United Press.**HAPPY OMEN**Rome, May 1.
The Italian President, Dr
Luigi Einaudi, said in a tele-
gram to King George and
Queen Elizabeth that Princess
Elizabeth's recent visit to Rome
was a happy omen for the
friendly relations between Italy
and Great Britain.Replying, King George said
that Princess Elizabeth and
Prince Philip were particularly
happy over the warm reception
accorded them by the Italian
people, which gave renewed
proof of the friendship existing
between Italy and Great Brit-
ain.The telegrams were made
public today by the Press Secre-
tariat.—Reuter.SHOWING
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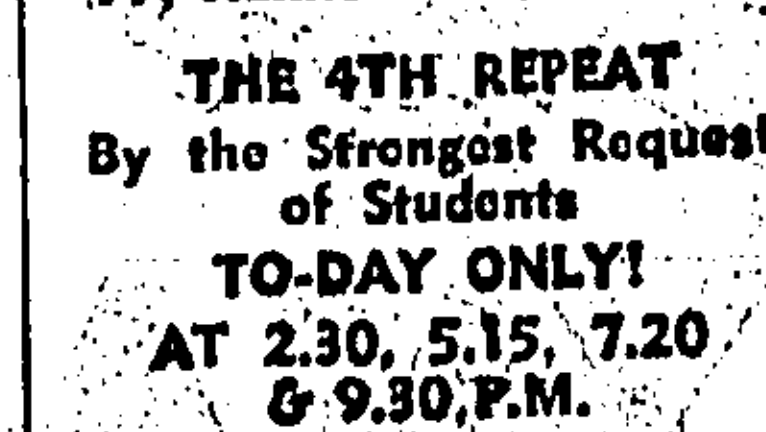
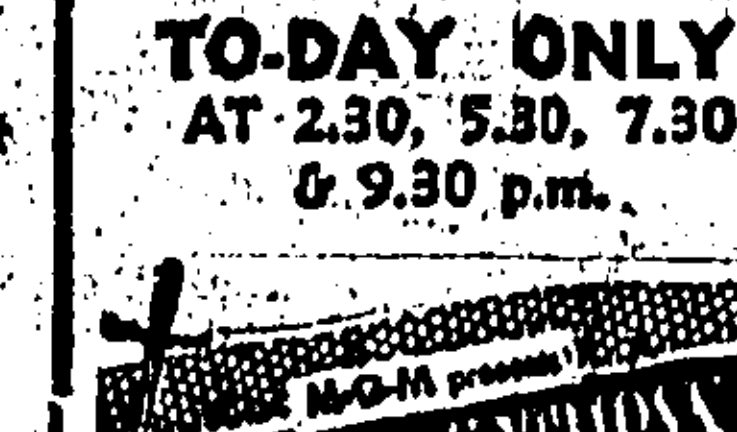


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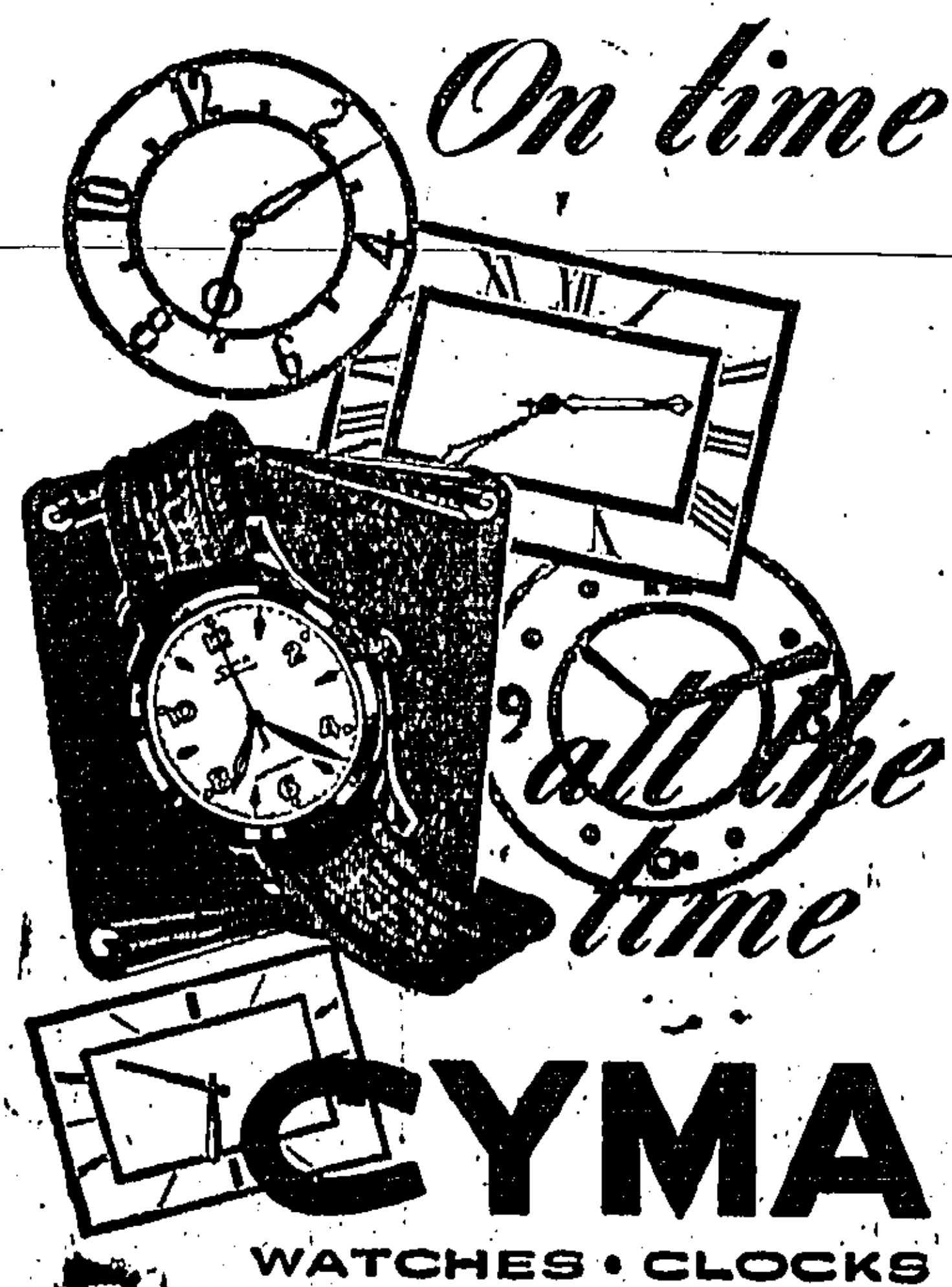
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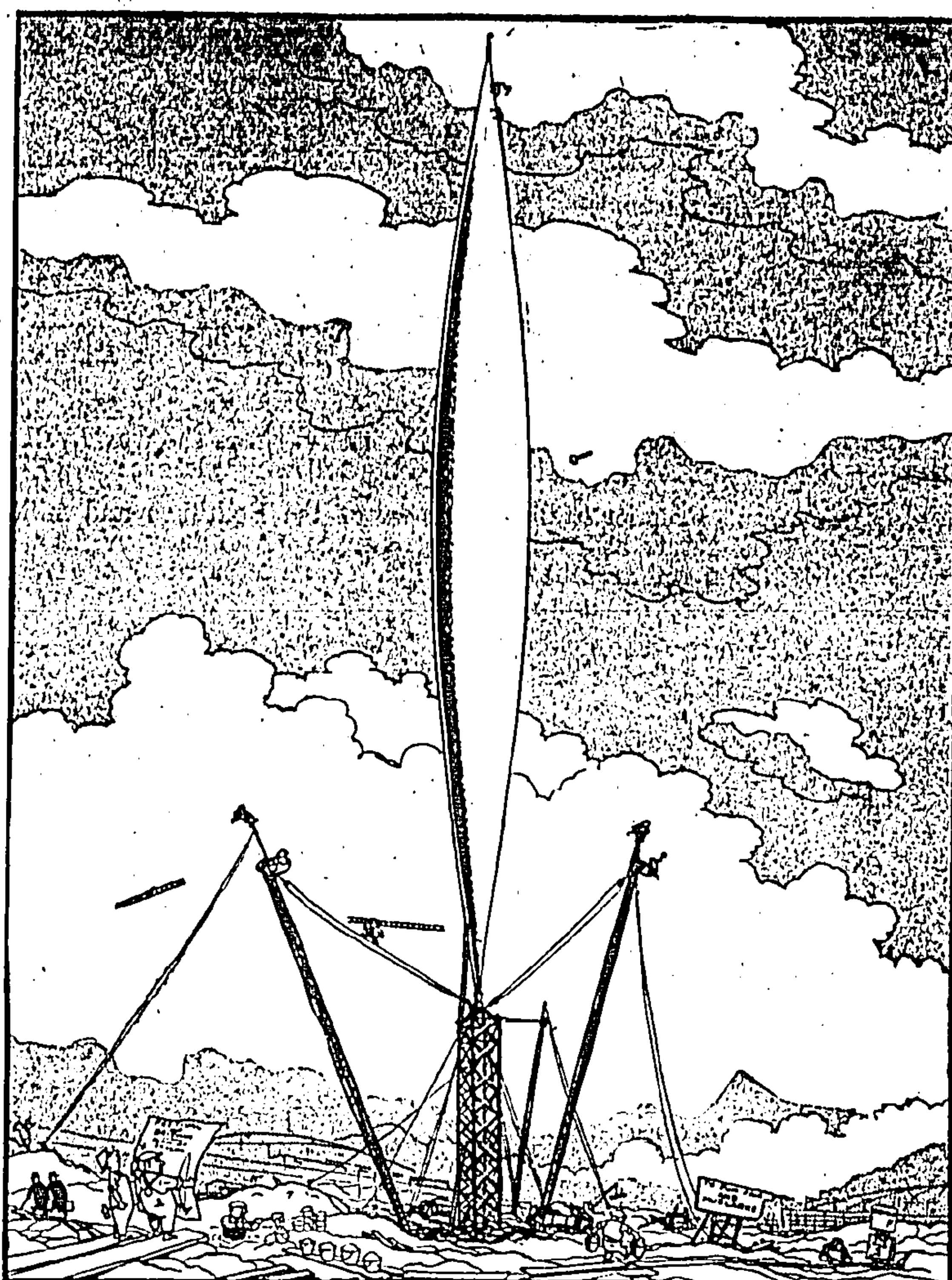
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London Express Service

Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THOSE visiting Britain
for the first time may
wonder at the enthu-
siasm displayed by those
already acquainted with
her charms.

After a few days, they will
wonder no longer.

Here is a country, not only
with an infinite variety of
scenery, but a bewildering
variety of climate.

The scenery ranges from the
mountains of Scotland and
North Wales, once a training
ground for commandos, where
you can still pick up a lost
hand grenade and blow your-
self to bits, to the flat eastern
half of the country, where the
marshy ground and keen,
searing, moisture-laden winds
will cripple you with rheu-
matism.

As for the climate, you can
start half-naked for a walk on
a hot June morning, run into a
blizzard at midday and be in
bed with pneumonia by dinner-
time.

You will then have the op-
portunity of taking advantage of
the free medical service for all,
including foreigners.

Perhaps, more than anything,
it is her people who make Brit-
tain irresistible to visitors.

Their light-hearted approach
to life and living brings a
ready response from the
stranger in their midst.

He will see them in their or-
dinary daily life in towns and
countryside, perhaps playing
some ancient craft, such as
filling in football coupons, or
selling stolen goods in the black
market.

More likely they will be
mooching about in utility clothes,
staring into half-empty shops
at things they can't afford,
forming queues, sniggering
about meat and cursing the
Government.

He will be struck also by
their natural beauty and
dignity; the flashing smile of
welcome disclosing the distinc-
tive back teeth of the upper
class and the shilling new
dentures of the workers.

Also by the blistered backs
of trousered women on holiday,
nicking synthetics for cream
and their tall, esoteric, open-
necked shirts and shorts, dis-
playing narrow, hairy chests
and long, hairy legs.

In this wonderful country
you will also have the privilege
of tasting the world-famous
English cooking.

But come and see for your-
self. It is certain you will
never forget us.

They pry, peer, and poke
their noses into other people's
business without shame, and
are probably food enforcement
officers.

Sensitive Group No. 5 are
people who cry themselves to
sleep about underprivileged
doggies in Asia and are born to
be pushed around by Group 1,
shamed by Group 2, talked in-
sulted by Group 3 and spied
upon by Group 4.

They are the World's Mugs.
Even the underprivileged dog-
gies would bite them.

They are the World's Mugs.
Even the underprivileged dog-
gies would bite them.

If you belong to the first
group, you are the kind of
man who is hated in office, fac-
tory, Parliament, the armed
forces, and at home.

You will fight your way to
the top over the bodies of less
aggressive, but often more
talented people.

According to your abilities
you may become a dictator, a
business executive, or a regi-
mental sergeant-major.

You will go to your grave un-
mourned and unloved, except by
your mother, who may have
secret misgivings herself.

If you belong to the Stable
type (Group 2) you can be
written down as a dull, hard-
working, conscientious medi-
ocrity.

You will never go far for-
ward, never go far back. You
are as reliable as a rock, and
about as exciting. You weigh
your words and count your
change.

If married, you would drive
any intelligent woman mad in a
month.

Talkative, excitable, and
over-cheerful people belong to
the Sponaneous Group and are
a great nuisance.

They always "look on the
bright side," are credulous to
the point of stupidity, never
listen and therefore never learn,
offer opinions on matters they

I felt like bolting to Waterloo Station

★ The Editor of Musical
America was invited to listen
to the tests in the Royal
Festival Hall. He makes
this disturbing report.

London, Apr. 27.
NEXT week the new
Royal Festival Hall
will be opened to the public.
A big question mark hangs
over it: the question "What
are the acoustics like?"

Now there is only one reason
for a concert hall. It exists
simply to enable a large gather-
ing of people to hear music.
No matter how comfortable it
may be, no matter how attrac-
tive in architectural design and
decoration, a concert hall is not
a success if the music played
and sung in it does not sound
natural and beautiful.

In planning the Royal
Festival Hall the architects
drew upon all available know-
ledge of acoustics—the measure-
ment and control of the be-
haviour of sound-waves. They
studied the construction of
acoustically successful audi-
toriums on the European con-
tinent and in the U.S.A. They
sought to leave nothing to
chance. Have they succeeded?

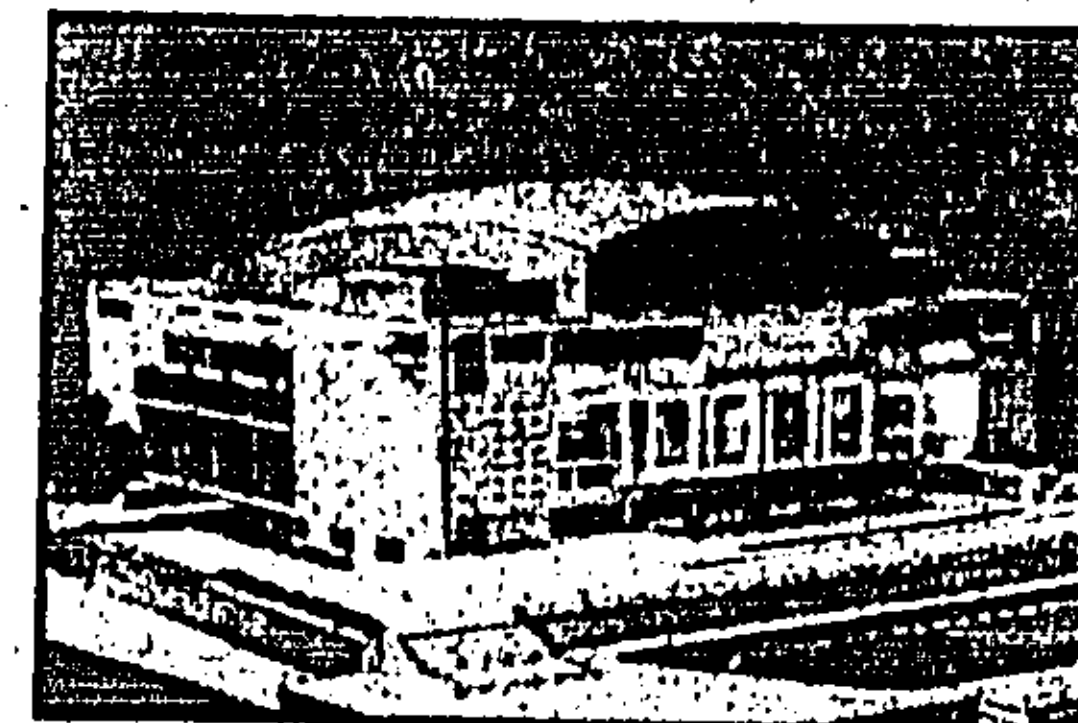
I HAVE been listening
to Sir Adrian Boult and
the London Philharmonic
Orchestra play an
acoustical test in the
hall I have reported
that sound produced was not
satisfying to the musical ear.
It was harsh. It was unlovely.
The Brass Instruments roughly
overpowered strings and wood-
winds, and drums sounded like
cannon. High tones were
piercing and squeally, and
tones in the bass were dim and
muffled.

But it is in the proper con-
trol of echo that the Hall falls

by CECIL SMITH

farthest short of success. People
in the stalls heard an utterly
different kind of sound from
that which reached those up
in the balcony.

In the stalls, the music was
raucous and crude. The
orchestra seemed too close to
its hearers. One wished for a



Model of the Royal Festival Hall
... is it the big acoustical flop?

sense of space between the
players and the audience. When
the trumpets and trombones
got to work in Wagner's Pre-
lude to Die Meistersinger the
ear drums were assaulted. All
sense of musical pleasure
vanished. One felt like rush-
ing out of the hall to seek the
relative quiet of Waterloo
Station. Moreover, it seemed a
waste of money to engage
clarinet and oboe players when
their parts could not be heard
above the brass din.

IN THE balcony life
was pleasant. I advise
people planning to at-
tend the Festival con-
certs to book their seats
as high up and as far
away as possible. But even
here the tone was thin and
lacking in fullness and charm
though one could, at least, hear
the contributions of all the in-
dividual instruments.

Possibly there is some fa-
voured spot in the hall in
which the sound is balanced,
sonorous, and gracious to the
ear. If there is, I did not
stumble on it. Anyway if
there is such a spot, not every-
one will be able to sit in it.

Mr John Shove, the director
of the Festival Hall, made no
attempt to conceal his puzzle-
ment when we talked the mat-
ter over after the test concert.
He promised that the manage-
ment would keep on trying to
achieve a perfect tonal result.
He was far from certain that
the ideal would be reached by
the time Sir Adrian Boult and
Sir Malcolm Sargent conduct
the dedicatory programme, be-
fore the King and the Queen,
on May 5. But he undertook
to continue the struggle "for
several years," if it proves to
be necessary.

This is disappointing. I may
be wrong but I would like to
advance two suggestions.

do you when we haven't got
company?

You ashamed of my father?
I wonder you didn't tell him
your mother's stopped taking
in washing now I've got a
rise.

I did when you was out of
the room.

Stalin's Birthday

"Private soldiers of the Red
Army have a proportion of their
pay deducted each year to buy
Stalin a birthday present."
Military Intelligence report on
Russia.

WE get no pay today
We get no pay tomorrow
As no one gets his pay today

We cannot steal or borrow.
The sergeant says we get no
pay

Because it has to go
To buy a jolly good birthday
gift

For jolly old Uncle Joe.

Jolly old Uncle Joe

Oh, we love him so.

We wish a hundred happy re-
turns.

To jolly old Uncle Joe.

We get no beer today
We get no beer tomorrow

As no one gets his beer today
We're sad and full of sorrow

The sergeant says we get no
beer

Because they take our dough
To buy a jolly good birthday
drink

For jolly old Uncle Joe.

Jolly old Uncle Joe

Oh, we love him so.

We have no wealth to drink
the health

Of jolly old Uncle Joe.

We get some drill today
We get some drill tomorrow

To get no pay for drill all day
It fills us full of sorrow

The sergeant says we should be
glad

Our wages to forgo
To buy a jolly good birthday
cake

For jolly old Uncle Joe.

Jolly old Uncle Joe

Oh, we love him so.

We wish a hundred years of life
To jolly old Uncle Joe.

—(London Express Service.)

THE FACT is that the
Festival Hall is not yet
the ideal structure that
advance descriptions had
let us expect. Yes, it
is comfortable, and it is
good-looking. But we go
to a concert hall to hear music,
not to sit in luxury in handsome
surroundings.

When next I visit London I
hope to find that Mr Shove and
his staff have surmounted every
obstacle. Meanwhile, they face
a knotty problem and a grave
responsibility.

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**Anne
Edwards**

THE "DRILL" FOR A
DATE WITH THE GIRL
WHOSE FACE IS HERE

AS the list of young men
who have escorted Prin-
cess Margaret becomes
longer, the pattern sets. It
goes as follows:—

First news is a telephone call
from Jennifer Ewan, her lady-
in-waiting. "Princess Margaret
is having a small party to go
to the theatre, and would very
much like you to come. Please
come to Buckingham Palace at
7.30."

The young blood takes a taxi
or his car, drives straight in to
the Privy. Purse door (main
entrance, on the right). The
police are warned and no one
stops him. At the door there is
an attendant in the Royal
Household uniform of dark
blue. Next he goes up in a
lift to the Princess's private
sitting-room.

There, he gets a drink and
sandwiches—usually chicken
and ham and "jolly good."

Then they go down and get
into the royal car and drive

Once again the manager is
there, flowers are on a table
reserved in a secluded place.
Champagne appears, but the
bill never does (that is settled
the next day), and no one tips
the waiters.

It is the Princess, who says:
"I think we must be going."
and Jennifer Ewan tips for
the Princess in the powder
room. You say goodnight in
the foyer of the restaurant, and
one of the royal cars takes you
home.

And, whatever happens, you
never tip the chauffeur.

—(London Express Service.)



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SOUTH AFRICANS START THEIR ENGLISH TOUR TODAY AT WORCESTER

By PETER DITTON

London.

Shipped by 40-year-old Dudley Nourse, veteran of two previous visits to this country, the South African cricketers to tour England this summer arrived at Southampton last Friday. The sun came out to greet them and just a little more than 72 hours after putting foot on shore, they had their first practice in the nets at Lords.

This was an entirely different reception from that awaiting John Goldard and his team from the West Indies last summer. They had their first game in this country in the middle of the miniature snowstorm.

Like the Australians when they toured here in 1948, the South Africans are wifeless. In fact, wives are banned not only from England but from neighbouring European countries as well.

The one exception to the rule is Manager Sid Pepper, himself a former Test player. His wife will be arriving in a few days time. The reason for the ban by the South African cricket authorities has not been explained.

plained to the team yet, but Nourse, whose wife came with him on the 1947 tour, says that it had nothing to do with any happenings that year.

Other members who were here with the 1947 team are

Fullerton, Mann and Athol Rowan. The only other player to have toured England is Athol's elder brother, Eric, who is vice-captain of the team and was a member of the 1935 South African touring party.

WITH LUCK

Fifteen players have been brought over together and Nourse has ventured to suggest that with a fair share of luck the side will acquire themselves well. In the event of any members of the team falling sick, arrangements have already been made to fly over one or two young players from the Union.

The tourists commenced their official programme with the time-honoured match with Worcestershire at Worcester on May 2nd. They will be opposed to probably the same team as that which drew with the West Indies. It is to be supposed that the selected South African XI will be the strongest they can put into the field and the most likely to be picked for the first Test.

Nourse himself is expected to captain the side and both Rowans and Mann and Fullerton are expected to be included. Another member of the team will be the experienced batsman, Clive Van Ryssel, the former Oxford cricket blue and England rugby international, will make a bold challenge for selection, and his leg-breaks, magnificent fielding and forceful batting are almost certain to earn him a place.

Nourse, Eric Rowan and Fullerton will provide the backbone of the batting which, weakened by the absence this year of Bruce Mitchell, appears on paper to be the tourists' weak point.

Athol Rowan and "Tufty" Mann will form the chief menace on a turning wicket and the former will provide the backbone of the batting which, weakened by the absence this year of Bruce Mitchell, appears on paper to be the tourists' weak point.

What ever may be said about English cricket and football and other sports, there is not the slightest doubt that track and field athletics in the country are flourishing and the standard rising higher and higher.

Today there are more than 1,000 coaches, but the aim of the Board is to boost this number until it is multiplied by ten.

THE ONE-STOP The one snag today is the shortage of training tracks. This presents a very real problem and as chief coach Dyson has said, that Britain must have many more tracks before she can reach the very top of the tree.

The little country of Finland, where the next Olympics are to be held, a land of lakes and pine forests, with a population of less than four millions, has about 500 tracks.

Great Britain, with acres and acres of land, and virtually no lakes or forests, with a population more than 10 times greater than Finland, has less than 70.

No wonder British officials are crying out for more tracks and playing fields. If only they could be provided the day might come when even the supremacy of the United States could be challenged.—Reuter.

Ampon Beats John Horn

Bournemouth, May 1.

Felicesimo Ampon, of the Philippines, reached the quarter-finals of the British Hardcourt Championships here today. Ampon beat John Horn, former British Junior Champion, by 6-1, 6-0 and 6-3 in the third round.

Ampon, who was considered for the captaincy before it became known that Nourse would be available, is likely to be one of the best.

He played against England in South Africa two years ago and against Australia twelve months later. He is a strong forcing batsman and, in a most successful season just completed, he headed the batting averages for Western Province in the Currie Cup matches.

WHAT NEED WILL BE It will then remain to be seen what is Nourse's greatest requirement before making the eleventh choice. The need for an additional fast bowler would see the vote going to Melle.

Another batsman would pave the way for a couple of youngsters, 21-year-old Roy McLean, the only left-hand batsman in the side, or 22-year-old Derrick McGlow, an opening batsman who believes in hitting the ball hard and often.

Finally, not to be dismissed lightly, are the chances of Frank Mitchell, who was born in England and last season captained the South Africans, and a Rhodesian. He is a fine all-rounder and some consider him to be South Africa's best leg-spinner.

There is room for speculation but one thing is assured. Like other touring teams before them, the South Africans, will be assured of a good welcome wherever they go.—(London Express Service)

AMERICA'S BEST



Representing the United States in the diving events at the Pan-American Games were (from the left) Major Sammy Lee, of the United States Army, Mary Frances Cunningham, Pat McCormick and Miller Anderson.

HAROLD PALMER'S Soccerfront

Fulham Support Spurs' Refusal To Go On A Tour Of The Argentine

Support for Spurs in their decision not to undertake a close season tour in the Argentine comes from Fulham's general manager Frank Osborne. "A very wide strenuous football is too much for players."

So Mr Osborne is quite frank about Fulham's outlook on their Canadian tour. "We are making it a holiday," he says. "It gives the lads an opportunity of seeing Canada and the football should be fairly easy for them."

Fulham is solely a good-will trip. They will make nothing out of it, despite travelling more than 5,000 miles, playing 10 matches in a month. Their expenses will of course be paid, but there will be no revenue for the club.

Walsall and say £2,000 for wingers Gavin and Docherty. What have Palace to show for the £20,000 they have spent? All I can see is the good will of their supporters, who realise they have tried to deliver the goods.

14,000 AVERAGE

With average gates of 14,000 Palace must share with Millwall, bottom of this division last season, the distinction of being the best supported losing clubs there have ever been in the Third Division.

There will be a clear out at Selhurst Park at the end of the season. I believe there will be only about 20 of the present staff retained. One or two experienced players will transfer.

Palace will buy again, but they are also determined to develop young talent. A ground is being sought and an appointment will probably be made for someone to look after a junior side.

Brentford have taken a fancy to Eric Marsden, Palace's young inside-forward. They are not the only club to notice this player's great promise.

He should be, and I think will be, the last player Palace would think of selling. Brentford are prepared to consider an exchange. Palace are not interested.

RESIGNED

Major Carlo Campbell, DSO, MC, vice-chairman of Brighton and Hove Albion FC, has resigned the chairmanship of the Third Division of the Football League and as one of the Third Division representatives at League meetings.

Reason for his resignation is his coming business trip for two months to Canada and the United States.

—(London Express Service)

Ireland's Team Against France

Belfast, May 1. Ireland's soccer team to meet France at Belfast on May 12 was announced today as follows:

Hinton (Millwall) goal; Graham (Doncaster) and McMichael (Newcastle) full-backs; Blench (Aston Villa), Vernon (West Bromwich Albion), Ferris (Birmingham), half-backs; Bingham (Sunderland), McGarry (Cliftonville), Simpson (Glasgow Rangers), Dutton (Chelsea) and McKenna (Huddersfield), forwards.

This team, as distinct from Eire, has drawn on qualified players with English clubs and includes two new caps—Bingham and Ferris. Ferris was chosen for the match against Wales but was unable to play.—Reuter.

BADMINTON INTERPORT LIKELY WITH MANILA THIS MONTH OR THE NEXT

By "ARGONAUT"

If arrangements are concluded, Hongkong will have its first post-war badminton interport match during the next month or so.

A telegram has been received by the Hongkong Badminton Association from Manila inquiring whether it will be possible for Hongkong to accommodate a Manila team of 12 players, including three women.

The standard of the game in Manila is as yet an unknown quantity, owing to the fact that Manila has hitherto not been seen in action in any interport or international match, but whatever their standard may be Hongkong badminton is now being offered a golden opportunity of taking the first step into international competition.

More so should this opportunity be made available in view of the fact that the intending Manila tourists are not asking the local Association to defray any part of their travelling expenses, but only that they be put up for the duration of their stay here.

MEETING ON FRIDAY

An Executive Committee meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association has been arranged to take place on Friday to discuss whether it will be possible to accept Manila's offer at this time of the year.

One main objection that may arise is the fact that badminton is an out-of-season sport at the moment, the season having officially closed with the finals of the Colony Open Championships last month.

This, however, need not be a deterrent factor, considering that the Chinese YMCA, which this year produced more than 80 per cent of the Senior finals, is at present running its own intra-club tournament and that at Recreo, St. Teresa's and Craigengower the game continues to be played by large numbers of enthusiastic players.

Given one month's official trial practice, Hongkong can put up a "best team possible," which in itself should be of minor consideration in face of

the more important one of commencing some sort of official interport series participation in which is one of the best incentives to the Colony's youthful players.

The logical system of play will undoubtedly be on Thomas Cup lines with some slight modifications to include the ladies' events and possibly, in view of the large number of visiting players, giving as many local players a chance to take part in this match, restricting players to one event each.

Another Play-off For South China And The Busmen

At a meeting of the League Management Committee of the Hongkong Football Association held yesterday with Mr L. G. Young in the chair, it was decided that a further play-off for the Championship of the First Division between South China and Kowloon Motor Bus be played on Friday, May 4, kick-off 5.30 p.m. on the Club ground at Happy Valley.

It was also decided that there shall be no pre-sale of tickets for this play-off. Tickets priced at \$1.20 and \$2.40 respectively will be sold at the gate.

Before it was decided that a further play-off take place, lengthy argument took place over a proposal by Mr A. L. Gordon, seconded by Mr J. C. Guimaraes, that the two teams, South China and Kowloon Motor Bus, be considered as joint Champions.

Mr Mok Hing strongly opposed this proposal, pointing out that the rules of the Association did not provide for joint Champions.

Mr Leslie Louey and Mr Henry Fung, representing Kowloon Motor Bus and South China respectively, expressed the wish that another lengthy argument took place over the sale of tickets for this game.

Mr Mok Hing proposed that there be a pre-sale of tickets.

PESTERED FOR TICKETS Mr J. Skinner, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, emphasised that—from experience gained over the pre-sale of tickets for last Saturday's play-off, it was clear that the practice caused more trouble.

Officials of Clubs and others were continually pestered for tickets and in trying to please everybody they pleased nobody.

At the same time, Mr Skinner drew attention to the plight of office workers who could not afford the time to stand in queue.

The meeting next considered a letter from several Clubs proposing that the game be re-played for a "Players' Welfare Benefit" Fund and that the whole or part of the proceeds be allocated to this fund.

The latter pointed out that it was a well-known and generally accepted fact that many of the old players were in stricken circumstances and that their ranks would be joined in ever increasing numbers by some of the present players.

It was emphasised that these "has-beens" and those about to become "has-beens" were the very ones who had contributed so much to achieve the present state of prosperity of football in this Colony.

Apart from stressing that many of the children of these players were not receiving any schooling owing to the present inadequate and expensive educational facilities, the letter also referred to the fact that even active players, when sick or otherwise indisposed, were left to fend for themselves on their

own meagre means.

After stating that they could cite numerous other reasons in support of their appeal for the creation of a "Players' Welfare Benefit" Fund, the Clubs concerned suggested that a Drafting Sub-Committee be appointed to submit detailed resolutions for adoption at the annual general meeting of the Association for a Tri-Party Fund to be contributed by the players, Clubs and Hongkong Football Association for the sole benefit of players, past and present.

The Clubs concerned concluded their letter with a suggestion that the prices of admission to the play-off be increased and that there be no pre-sale of tickets.

BEYOND SCOPE Mr Young said that an insurance scheme, such as an proposed, was quite out of the scope of amateur football.

Mr Skinner, who said that if the two Clubs, South China and Kowloon Motor Bus, wished to donate anything to the Association's Benevolent Fund, they could do so. This Benevolent Fund was for the benefit of players who had been injured or are necessitous and others who have rendered services to the game or their families.

Mr Mok Hing said that the letter was not one which could be dealt with by the meeting and said that if it was to be considered at all, it should be referred to the Council of the Association.

He also pointed out that the letter had been written on the assumption that there would be no further play-off and that since there was to be a play-off, it was not applicable.

HENDON FIXTURES Below are the fixtures in connection with the visit of the Hendon Football Club Soccer XI.

It will be seen that Mr L. A. M. Mackay, referee, who is accompanying the Hendon team to Hongkong, will officiate as referee in the third game against Combined Chinese.

Saturday, May 12—Hendon v. All Hongkong Club 8.30 p.m. Referee, L. A. M. Mackay (London). Lineamen: L. G. Young/L. Chang.

Sunday, May 13—Hendon v. Hongkong Selection Club 5.30 p.m. Referee, L. Chang. Lineamen, A. G. B. Carmichael/P. F. Fong.

Tuesday, May 15—Hendon v. Combined Chinese Club 6.00 p.m. Referee, L. A. M. Mackay (London). Lineamen: L. G. Young/L. Chang.

THE GAMBOLS by Barry Appleby

CRICKET

Lancashire Overwhelm Dark Blues

London, May 1. Cricket met with mixed fortunes today. Not a ball could be bowled on the last day of the MCC versus Yorkshire match. Heavy rain had saturated the Lords pitch and the absence of wind and sun ruled out any possibility of its drying in time for play to start.

The two days' friendly match between Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire was abandoned without a ball being bowled either yesterday or today.

Lancashire easily won against Oxford University at Oxford, where an hour's play after the game had been held up until early afternoon sufficed to give the county an easy win.

The only redeeming feature of Oxford's batting today was the defence shown by Lewis, the Rugby Blue, who scored 33 runs out of the total of 100 runs.

Divecha, of India, who showed promise early after a good first innings, was caught and bowled to provide Hilton with one of his four victims.

Sussex and Hampshire began a two days' friendly game today at Hove, where Hampshire batted all day for 263 runs, being out just before stumps were due to be drawn.

The Sussex bowlers did not appear to get much help from the pitch, yet Hampshire always seemed to be struggling for runs. Rogers, with 100 runs in just over two and half hours, was the chief stumbling block to Sussex. He hit two sixes and eight fours, as did Ray in his bright innings of 59 runs.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

The following are the close of play scores of first-class games today:

At Hove: Hampshire 263 all out (Rogers 83, Gray 59, John Oakes, right-arm medium, four for 53). Sussex to bat.

At Lords: The MCC versus Yorkshire match was abandoned as a draw with no play today owing to rain. MCC 411 for seven declared. Yorkshire 218 and 38 for one.

At Nottingham: The match between Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire was abandoned, with no play today, owing to rain.

At Oxford: Lancashire beat Oxford University by an innings and 158 runs. Reuter.

HOME SOCCER

London, May 1. Oldham Athletic drew with Bradford City two-all in a Third Division, Northern Section, football match today. Reuter.

GIVE THE FIGHTING MEN A BREAK

Says PETER WILSON

The news that Lee Savold may meet Joe Louis in a 15-round fight, probably at the Yankee Stadium, New York, this summer must have put the British Boxing Board of Control in no small tizzy.

For our amiable but often muddle-headed board stoutly maintain that the gentlemanly Savold is the heavyweight champion of the world.

Now let us suppose that Louis beats Lee. (Gossip says his little cotton socks) would then, presumably, have to recognize Louis as world champion.

But the winner of the Louis-Savold fight is to meet Ezzard Charles, whom the Americans regard as world champion—in September. And Charles has already beaten Louis.

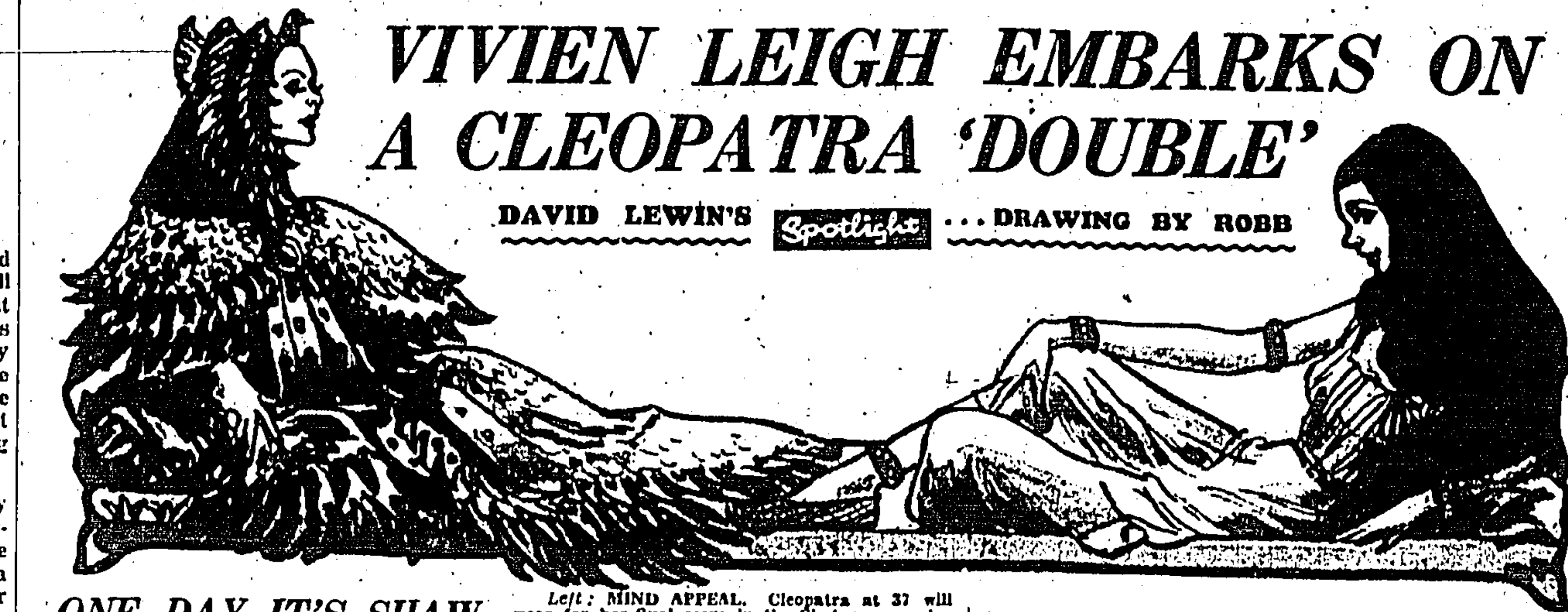
So the BBBB would be in the ridiculous position of maintaining that one man was champion and the man who had already decisively whipped him was his "challenger."

There are some pretty smart legal eagles on the board. But I'd pay for a ringside seat to hear them argue their way out of this one!

SCHEME OVERDUE
Talking of the Board of Control, they have their annual general meeting at Manchester on May 23, and there's one subject which I hope and trust will come up for some pretty serious discussion.

That is the subject of insurance for boxers. In the one sport of all in which deliberate injuries are an essential part, an insurance scheme is long, long overdue.

I know that the board have been reviewing—and regretfully rejecting—various ideas on this subject, but now the "Protes-



VIVIEN LEIGH EMBARKS ON A CLEOPATRA 'DOUBLE'

DAVID LEWIN'S Spotlight... DRAWING BY ROBB

ONE DAY IT'S SHAW—AND NEXT DAY IT'S SHAKESPEARE...

Manchester. Just before midnight on Tuesday last week Vivien Leigh sat back in her hotel suite to consider the first of the two Cleopatras she will play in a week.

The first, at Manchester that night, was the shy, squealing 16-year-old coquette schoolgirl in Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra."

Last night she tried the mature, patrician queen in Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra."

And in London next month the two plays will follow each other on successive nights. It is a formidable assignment never attempted before.

The suggestion was put to Sir Laurence Olivier, half at a jest. Now it has become the most challenging "double first" of his 37-year-old wife's career.

The risk "Certainly the dangers are there," said Miss Leigh. "I have to face them. No use turning aside. But how stimulating."

She faces comparisons with actresses who have tried one or the other before—but never together. Edith Evans, Peggy Ashcroft, even Mrs Patrick Campbell.

Miss Leigh hopes the two Cleopatras will flow logically and smoothly, one from the other.

For Shakespeare, with its greater opportunities for changing emotions—and greater penalties for failure—she will wear a red wig, use a deeper voice.

Always Olivier will be there to guide and advise her.

How does she see Cleopatra? She thought a minute, then she said: "The genius of femininity in all its guises."

She should be able to present that with ease.

But she also has to make that other line come true, the line in which Shakespeare says of his queen...

Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale Her infinite variety...

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Briefly, boxers would pay five per cent. of their purses into a fund but no boxer would pay more than £100 in any one year. Boxers between 18 and 33 would be eligible to join, although if they joined when they were over 28 they would receive only partial benefits.

BENEFITS
The benefits include £400 to a boxer's dependants if he dies before the January 1 preceding his 33rd birthday. The same sum paid to a boxer if he's totally disabled. A payment of £25 a week—up to 13 weeks—for temporary disablement.

When a boxer retires he can make an application to trustees of the fund for a grant in the form of a lump sum.

I do put it most strongly to the board that they must either adopt this scheme or discover a better one of their own.

Then, perhaps, we shall have so many of these pathetic "comebacks" or the even more tragic sight of old favourites trying to scrounge the price of a "cuppa tea and a wash" outside the halls where once they were idols.

—(London Express Service)

If Vivien Leigh can establish that "infinite variety" she will have pulled off her "double first" all right.

Even in the middle of first-night nerves last Tuesday evening she had time for a joke. The Shaw play needs a revolving stage electrically driven.

"That's the difficulty," said Vivien Leigh. "Whenever Larry and I touch electricity it goes wrong."

With the two tempting Cleopatras it will be quite a year. For her film version of "Streetcar Named Desire" is now ready to be shipped to London.

POSTSCRIPT: This was the supper waiting in an ice-packed tin resting in a fire bucket outside the Olivier dressing-room last night.

—It consisted of champagne, pineapple juice, and oysters.

Little Brother
★ THE West End is set to become Broadway's Little Brother. Bette Davis, Katharine Hepburn, The Bogarts, Judy Garland, Danny Kaye, this week Bob Hope... the list grows.

What do they do when they settle in? Well, among other things, find a list of the right clubs to dine after work...

Look for antiques... Discuss their box-office figures and income tax... Consider British cars... And make the trek to the Aliens' Office off Piccadilly to register.

Marlene Dietrich prefers to cook her own meals—and often practises her cooking on Michael Wilding. Everyone angles for a dinner invitation from The Oliviers (Notley Abbey rates higher, though, than Chelsea).

Jack Benny is attached to a certain stand-up snack bar in the Strand.

Eagerly they count up their dressing-room visitors after the show. Not the first-night swarm (that's easy), but the numbers in the third week of the run.

For general advice they go to the doyen—it seems an odd word to apply to him—the Hollywood show-set in London. I mean Tyrone Power, for he has the longest "residential qualification."

—(London Express Service)

ple finalist in the Long Jump at the last Games and another, J. O. Majekodunmi, cleared 6 feet 5 inches at the last Empire Games.

The Championships at Lagos saw the defeat of Majekodunmi by N. B. Osagie, a schoolboy from Benin City, who cleared 6 feet 5 inches of inch more than Majekodunmi did that day.

New records were set by S. O. Kadiri who ran the 120 Yards High Hurdles in 15.2 seconds, and P. Esiri, who hopstep-jumped 44 feet 6 inches.

K.A.B. Olowu, who was captain of the Nigerian team, won the last Empire Games, won the long jump with a leap of 23 feet 8½ inches.

One complaint voiced by many would-be participants in the Colony Championships here is that they are too old to improve. There is no such much chance left to improve.

Of this opinion are our best athletes today. South China's Ng Yin-fok, who is not yet 30, and Reggie Silva, who was an Inter-School Champion last year.

They may be interested to know that Dennis Shore recently won the 440 Yards in the South Africa-United States match with a 48.1 seconds performance after being in international competition since 1935 and that nothing sensational is expected of Don Gehrmann, America's leading miler, till he has "matured". Gehrmann is expected to run the first four-minute mile in his late twenties.

The young may learn with interest that in Australia very recently, Colin Murray, 20, threw the javelin 156 feet 6½ inches, Peter Cole, 17, hopstep-jumped 49 feet 2½ inches and Peter Hannlin, 18, won the 10-lb. shot-out to 47 feet 10½ inches.

It's also of interest that Ron Pavitt, Empire Games, high jumper, was doing a more 5 feet 4 inches when in the Army, was taken to hand and went up to 6 feet 5 inches and that Sydney Woodson, 18, had not done the mile in faster time than 4 minutes 20.8 seconds. At 20 he did it in 4:44.2.

—(London Express Service)

side the Olivier dressing-room last night.

—It consisted of champagne, pineapple juice, and oysters.

ON THE RECORD
ONE HEAD FOR THE HURDLES

—Every now and then—a new word is born in our forge down stairs where strong men work amid molten lead, whirling machinery and cutting wheels with which it's a risky business trying to pour one's molten.

Such a word is "Surperwoman". Thorough encyclopaedias have been conducted among the men who forge words in lead and alchemists that they are, they had but one explanation.

Rudely enough, they admitted they had thought reference was being made to a particularly super type of Superwoman. As far as the proof-readers are concerned, anything so forged that is contained in quotation marks is not to be tampered with lest the god of the forge lifts their finger and sticks it on a spike.

It wasn't as embarrassing as have been some other products of the guardians of the machine. Years ago, another crew working on another machine did worse. They created a monster.

Having attended a school athletic meeting, we thought it would not be hard to record that one of the hurdlers involved was exceptionally promising. He was also a tow-headed youth.

So we referred to him: "The next morning the public was informed that a two-headed young hurdler had won his event in record time."

We waited in vain for the late parents. Nothing happened. The came the Inter-School meet and we met the tow-headed lad, who won quite comfortably.

"Hello there!" he said, spying us out. "That's a queer way you referred to me. I suppose you were trying to exaggerate how I can see the hurdle while looking back at the time to see where the others are."

"It was a good two-headed victory," we agreed. He still writes to us from a far country.

The mail came in yesterday and with it a short report on the Fifth All-Nigeria Athletic Championships held recently in Lagos.

With a Nigerian ready to take at least one title at our own coming Athletic Championships—the reference is to the All-Nigeria Athletic Championships of the B.A.F.—it was interesting reading about it.

Of course, one Nigerian, Prince Adedoyin, was an Olympian.

—(London Express Service)

ple finalist in the Long Jump at the last Games and another, J. O. Majekodunmi, cleared 6 feet 5 inches at the last Empire Games.

The Championships at Lagos saw the defeat of Majekodunmi by N. B. Osagie, a schoolboy from Benin City, who cleared 6 feet 5 inches of inch more than Majekodunmi did that day.

New records were set by S. O. Kadiri who ran the 120 Yards High Hurdles in 15.2 seconds, and P. Esiri, who hopstep-jumped 44 feet 6 inches.

K.A.B. Olowu, who was captain of the Nigerian team, won the last Empire Games, won the long jump with a leap of 23 feet 8½ inches.

One complaint voiced by many would-be participants in the Colony Championships here is that they are too old to improve. There is no such much chance left to improve.

Of this opinion are our best athletes today. South China's Ng Yin-fok, who is not yet 30, and Reggie Silva, who was an Inter-School Champion last year.

They may be interested to know that Dennis Shore recently won the 440 Yards in the South Africa-United States match with a 48.1 seconds performance after being in international competition since 1935 and that nothing sensational is expected of Don Gehrmann, America's leading miler, till he has "matured". Gehrmann is expected to run the first four-minute mile in his late twenties.

The young may learn with interest that in Australia very recently, Colin Murray, 20, threw the javelin 156 feet 6½ inches, Peter Cole, 17, hopstep-jumped 49 feet 2½ inches and Peter Hannlin, 18, won the 10-lb. shot-out to 47 feet 10½ inches.

Bob Hope's Opponent Will Have To Wear Ear-Stopppers

Says BING CROSBY

So Bob Hope is in England again. His participation in the British Amateur Golf championship is a great thing. Any event that can get him out of bed before noon is commendable.

And if he must get up early he will have to retire early—which will be another conspicuous "first."

Now, I have played many games of golf with Mr. Hope, always in the pip, emma, of course, and if anyone is qualified to proffer a few words of advice relative to Mr. Hope's appearance in the championship it would be me.

Thus in the first place, his opponent should wear ear-stoppers to the first teeing-off ground.

If more than three itinerant workmen, vagrants, or just by-standers are there, he's likely to deliver himself of a 10 or 15-minute monologue in a faintly humorous vein, touching on his physical condition, the weather, English food, English ladies, my money, my naughtiness, and so on and so on.

When these pallid jocosities no longer titillate the gallery, if still there, he will approach a more serious business—the matter of a wager.

This is a crucial moment, and if his opponent expects to avoid complete bankruptcy he should summon a financial lawyer forthwith.

I wouldn't say that Hope actually demands a certainty before making a wager. Say rather he just likes an appreciable edge. And the fact that the championship is played at scratch makes no difference—he will demand some strokes of a handicap, with a few quid deposited on the result.

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Nor is it avarice that impels him to employ these procedures. It is just that he likes to boast of his winnings later, in the cool of the evening in the taproom.

Indeed, the most uncomfortable part of the whole situation

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE TO MEMBERS
WHITSUN RACE MEETING
Saturday 12th & Monday 14th May, 1951

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. on the 1st Day. On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon. The Tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.) on the 2nd Day.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 12 races on the 2nd Day (22 in all).

Through Tickets at \$44.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on Saturday, 12th May.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 11th May, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—
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S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON, on Thursday, 3rd May, 1951.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

YOUTH'S SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP
London, May 1.
Rex Williams, 17½ years, old youth's snooker champion, today won the English title when he beat Percy Bendon in the final by six frames to one.

Williams, the youngest person ever to win the title, but he had already won 14 championships at billiards and snooker. — Reuter.

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U.S. ARMY MISSION'S FUNCTIONS

Talpeh, May 1.

Major-General William Curtis Chase told a Press conference here today that he had been picked to head the United States Military Aid Advisory Group in Formosa several weeks before General Douglas MacArthur's dismissal from the United Nations Supreme Command.

Officers of his mission would advise the Nationalist Chinese on a national level, then later probably down to divisional and regimental level. The advisers would be attached to the Nationalist Army, Navy and Air Force, and the newly-formed Chinese Marine Corps.

Major-General Chase refused to answer questions concerning a possible offensive against the Chinese mainland.

He also declined to say where the mission would draw the line between offensive and defensive weapons in asking for arms from the United States. Nor would he say whether the mission's scope would be limited to securing Formosa from attack.

Asking whether the mission would be interested in Nationalist-held Quemoy Island, three miles from the mainland opposite Formosa, General Chase said: "We are here to help the Chinese Nationalist forces wherever they are."

WINSTON QUERY

London, May 1.

Mr Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Opposition, asked in the House of Commons today whether there would be any harm in calling the new Commonwealth Division in Korea the "Empire and Commonwealth Division."

Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, replied that he did not think there would be any great harm. But all the Commonwealth Governments had agreed, after discussion, to the title of Commonwealth Division. —Reuter.

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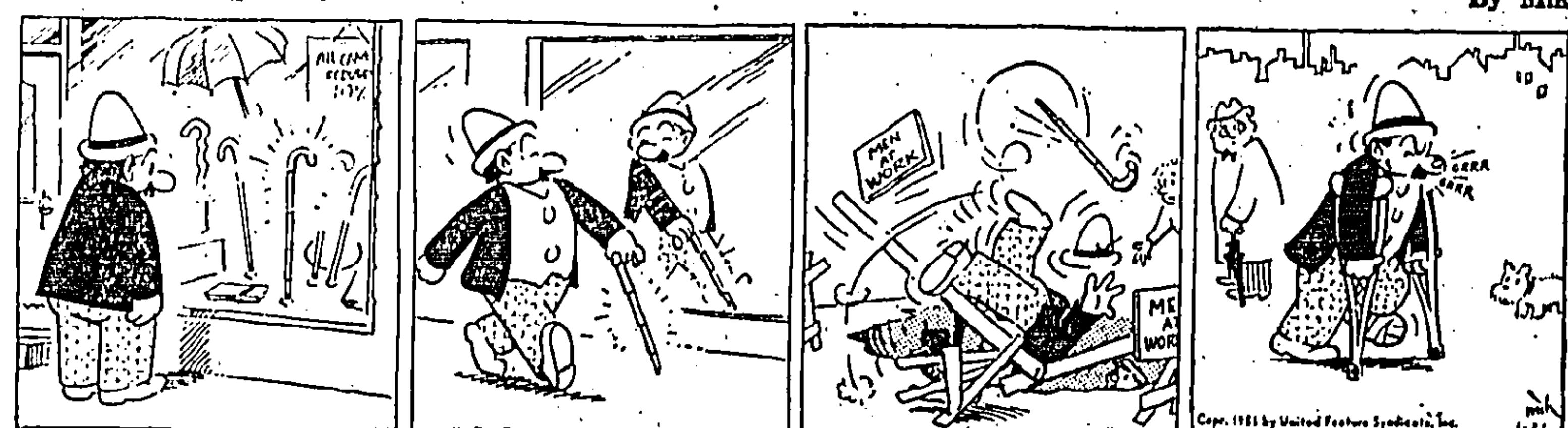
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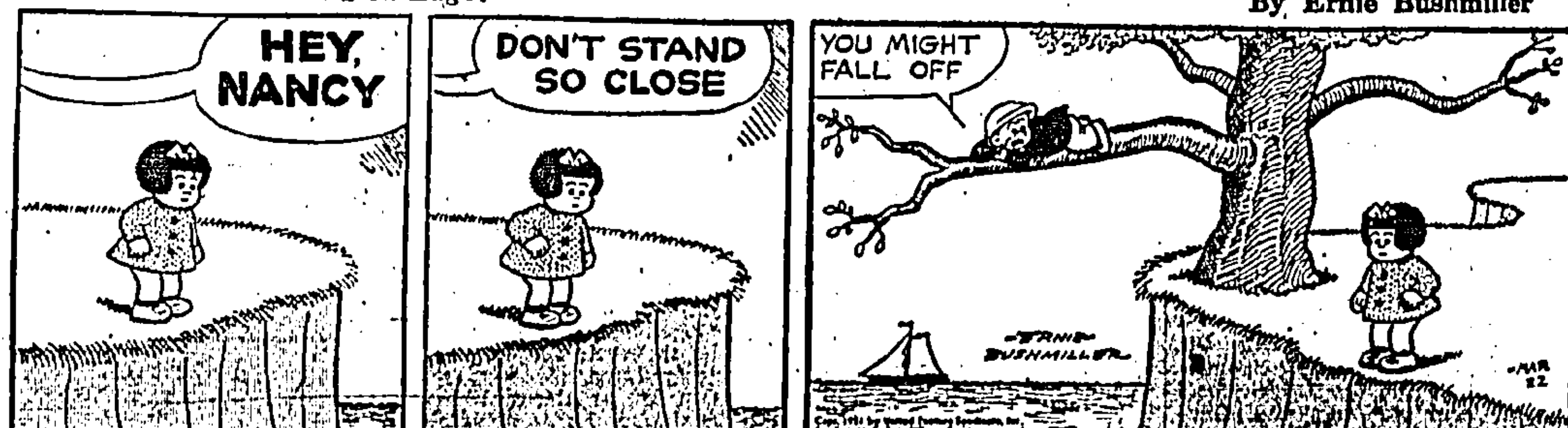
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His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, paid an informal visit to the General Post Office at 9.15 this morning and was conducted through all sections of the GPO by Mr M. L. Durrant, Acting Postmaster-General.

Marked interest in the new "London" type sorting machines was shown by His Excellency. Mr Durrant explained to His Excellency that the provision of these machines would be of very considerable assistance in dealing with the greatly increased amount of mail matter posted in the Colony.

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Mr U Tat Chee Misses Seeing Queen Mary At BIF

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, May 1.

The most disappointed man in the Hongkong BIF delegation today was Mr U Tat Chee. By unfortunate misunderstanding he was not present when Queen Mary visited the stand and accepted the blackwood table which he had brought here for her.

The first visitors to the stand today were the King and Queen who were accompanied by the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Hartley Shawcross. The King expressed his warm approval of the great variety of exhibits and said how pleased he was that the Colony's trade was developing despite the unsettled condition of the Far East.

The Queen was especially interested in the rattan furniture which the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce had made specially for the Fair. She ordered a small rattan chair for her grandson, Prince Charles, and some tea-tables for herself.

The misunderstanding about Queen Mary's visit occurred after the King and Queen had left. It had been arranged that Her Majesty should visit the stand and take formal possession of the beautiful blackwood table. Inland U. leader of the delegation.

Owing to the unfortunate mistake in itinerary the Queen, who was in a wheelchair, passed the stand without stopping. Later when she heard about the mistake she insisted on returning. In the meantime, however, Mr U. with other official delegates, had left Earl's Court to keep an important lunch engagement.

When Queen Mary heard that he was not present she expressed her disappointment and said how sorry she was that she had missed him. In his absence the table was presented to Her Majesty by Mr Victor K. Chung, of Jardine Engineering Corporation.

Queen Mary honoured the Hongkong stand with a long visit and expressed her approval not only of the wide range of exhibits but also of the way the stand had been arranged. She was especially impressed by a small Chinese doll dressed in ancient ceremonial costume and asked that one be sent to her.

Queen Mary was accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, his brother, Prince Michael, and his sister, Princess Alexandra.

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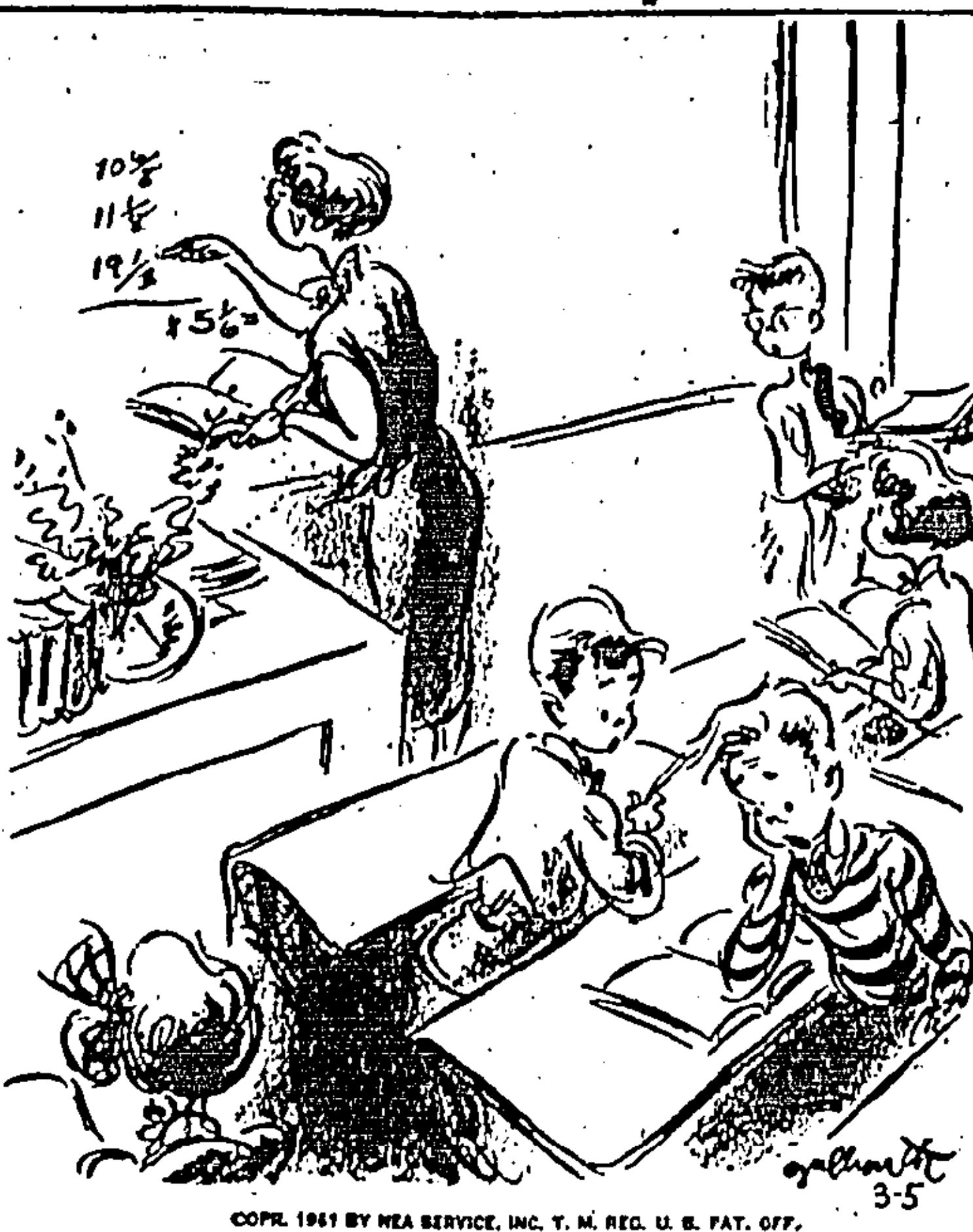
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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I wonder if the French Foreign Legion is still taking enlistments?"

Korea War Latest

Reds Make Use Of Artillery

Eighth Army HQ., May 2.

The Communists threw some artillery fire into United Nations positions on the Seoul perimeter on Tuesday night, but Allied patrols probing through northern land from the Western front found very few enemy troops.

United Nations commanders used the continuing lull to strengthen their defenses all the way across Korea to meet a possible shift of the next Communist attack to the centre. There was as yet no indication, however, as to where the Reds would strike next.

Allied artillery and patrols engaged small groups of enemy troops on the front. Claimed 1,205 Communists killed or wounded and captured 82 during the day. It was the smallest Eighth Army casualty claim since the beginning of the Communist spring offensive 10 days ago.

UN PATROL SCORES

One armoured patrol hit an estimated 200 Chinese troops in a pocket north of Seoul and claimed 150 of them killed by a combination of tank fire and supporting air strikes. The patrol continued to the north before returning to the Allied lines without further opposition.

Between 200 and 300 rounds of Communist artillery were thrown at Allied defensive positions northwest of Seoul on Tuesday evening before counter-battery fire silenced the Red guns. A self-propelled gun also fired several rounds of high explosives into the United Nations lines on the Seoul perimeter.

The only enemy contacts of the day were on the eastern and western flanks of the Korean front. Several small groups were dispersed by Allied patrols in the west while there were light skirmishes between North Korean and South Korean units of company size or smaller.

In the area east and north-east of Inje, three small-scale fire fights lasting up to two hours were reported. The enemy withdrew in each case. —United Press.

Floodgates Blasted

Tokyo, May 2.
United States Navy Skyraiders blasted holes in the Hwachon reservoir floodgates with aerial torpedoes on Tuesday in a spectacular attempt to stem the Communist drive on Seoul. A flight of Douglas Skyraiders striking from the carrier Princeton destroyed one gate and made a 10-foot hole—extending below the water level—in another gate. It was the first use of aerial torpedoes in combat since World War II.

The Communists had closed the gates to lower the levels of

WOMAN LOSES TEMPER

Assaults Child With Feather Duster

Wong Chi-kin, 20, a married woman, living at 149 Castle Peak Road, 2nd floor, was fined \$10 for ill-treating a 13-year-old girl, Tsui Shi-hoi, alias Wong Chi-chuen, a mui tsai, at Kowloon Court this morning.

Mr H.W. Fraser, of the Social Welfare Office, told the court about 2.30 p.m. on April 28 the girl was found trying outside the Shamshuipo Police Station. She told the Police that she had been assaulted by her mistress with a feather duster.

She was then sent to Kowloon Hospital and a medical certificate was issued by Dr Y.K. Poon which showed that there were a number of cane marks on her shoulders, arms and buttocks.

The little girl was interviewed, but she could not remember the names of her parents or their whereabouts. When she was nine years old she was taken from Fa Yuen to Canton where she was handed to the defendant's mother. She could not remember whether any payment was made or document signed relating to her transfer. The girl was later handed to the defendant and brought to Hongkong during the summer of last year.

In the defendant's home the girl was doing light family work. She slept with the amah and ate in the kitchen. However, she was well-nourished and was given good clothing.

Mr Fraser said that he was satisfied that the defendant momentarily lost her temper and assaulted the girl.

"With regard to the girl," said Mr Fraser, "she does not wish to go back to the defendant and will now remain with the SCA."

Excess Number Of Passengers

Summoned for carrying an excess number of passengers, Kwok Mok-kan, master of a motor junk on the Shaikwan-Lyemun-Chakwong ferry service, was fined \$100 by Mr T.B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

Sub-inspector T.B. Blackhurst said that when defendant's junk was intercepted off Lyemun on April 22, the Water Police found 39 instead of 34 passengers aboard.

The Pukhan and Han Rivers apparently as a prelude to an attempt to smash across the shallow waters.

A dispatch from Task Force 77 said the torpedoes exploded at the centre of the 200-foot high dam which is some 900 feet long. One torpedo hit an abutment at one end of the dam, but the damage there was not immediately known. The floodgates themselves are 20 feet high, 40 feet wide and two-and-a-half feet thick. —United Press.

TENANTS AGREE TO VACATE PREMISES

Recommendation To Be Made To Governor

Hearing of an application for the exemption of Inland Lot No. 1705, No. 426 King's Road, North Point, from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1946, under Section 32, concluded before Mr Latimer in the Tenancy Tribunal this morning, when a settlement was announced in which the present tenants agreed not to oppose the application.

The tenants, the L. and W. Shun Loong Canning Co. Ltd., canned goods manufacturers, with head office at 91 Des Voeux Road West, agreed to vacate the site they are at present occupying on compensation being offered by the owner, Wong Kwam-cheng, import and export merchant, of 708 China Building.

The settlement was recorded by Mr Latimer, who said he would in the circumstances make a recommendation to the Governor for exemption.

According to the representative of the owner, testifying before the Tribunal yesterday, it was intended to build two blocks of 16 European-style flats and eight shops on the site now occupied by the Canning Company, if exemption were granted, at a cost of \$800,000. The blocks would be of concrete and steel construction and fire-proof.

The site was purchased by Mr Wong in 1948 for \$2,000,000, and plans were then drawn up for its development. Exemption from application of the Ordinance was secured against other tenants and the buildings then standing were demolished and new structures erected, including one block which contained a hotel, restaurant and shops.

The present building, subject of the application before the Tribunal, was described as a one-storey structure built of brick and in a fairly good state of repair but rather antiquated. It housed a quantity of machinery for the manufacture of canned goods.

Mr Wong was described as a man of substantial means and the owner of various properties in different parts of the Colony. He is the sole proprietor of the Verder Company, which has offices in China, London and New York.

The Tribunal and the parties concerned visited the site on Tuesday.

Applying for the applicant was Mr D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr P.H. Sh. While Mr Brook A. Bernacki, instructed by Mr Ko Fook-ming, was for the opponents.

Colonel Andres Soriano, President of Philippines Air Lines, issued a 5,000-word statement giving details of his controversy with government-appointed directors which led him to offer his resignation, effective May 21.

There was a hint, however, that a compromise might be reached in the controversy. Col. Soriano, a naturalized American citizen with extensive business interests in the US and the Philippines, asked Economic Co-ordinator Arana to "impress upon President Elpidio Quirino that a decision is imperative."

PAL operations are nominally under the Department headed by Arana. The government owns 52 per cent of the stock and most of the remainder is held by Col. Soriano and associates.

Col. Soriano had offered his resignation because of "undue interference" with the management by the six government-appointed directors who compose a majority of the board. He said their decisions reflected "lack of confidence" in the management. —Associated Press.

The forces had swept through 400 villages, including 42 fortified Vietnamese strongholds. The French also said that they had captured 2,800 suspects, including many Vietnamese officials, and weapons and ammunition.

The fighting all took place within the French-held bridgehead area. About 1,200 square kilometres of the delta's richest rice growing country, in one of the most potentially dangerous areas south-west of the port of Haiphong, had been cleared.

The French communiqué said that Vietnamese regional forces, supported by two regular battalions, were fighting Ho Chi-minh's intensified war of attrition against the French. They had installed themselves within an 18-mile arc south-west of Haiphong.

They were protected by fortified villages and had their operational supply base at Vinhbo, 18 miles south-west of Haiphong.

Political commissars used terror methods against the population, the communiqué said, practically reducing it to forced labour.

The French had taken the area through a series of encircling manoeuvres toward the coast, systematically dividing it up into small pieces. They reduced the fortified villages as they encountered them. The operation, which is still going on, was described as of "considerable importance in the military and political fields."

Reuter.

Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. When mails close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other day registered articles and parcel mails close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

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Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Buchanan

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